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BECAUSE I'M DESTROYING
THIS STATUE OF *MYSELF*,
THEY ALL THINK I'M A
MENACE, EVEN
SUPERGIRL! YET,
IF MY PLAN WORKS,
THEY'LL REALIZE I'M
SUPERMAN!

SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN
RED KRYPTONITE
CHANGES
SUPERMAN INTO
"The MONSTER from KRYPTON!"



SUPERMAN

(REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.)

IT SEEMS FANTASTIC TO IMAGINE THAT THE MOST POWERFUL ARMED FORCES OF THE NATION, WITH JIMMY OLSEN HELPING TO LEAD THEM, WOULD SET FORTH IN A GRIM CAMPAIGN TO DESTROY **SUPERMAN!** BUT THAT HAPPENS, WHEN A STRANGE DOOM OUT OF TIME AND SPACE UNLOOSES UPON A TERRIFIED EARTH—

The **MONSTER** from **KRYPTON!**

SUPERMAN, THE IDOL OF METROPOLIS... **DEAD!** AND HERE COMES THE FRIGHTFUL MONSTER THAT DESTROYED HIM!

HOW CAN I POSSIBLY TELL THEM THAT I'M **SUPERMAN**... AND THAT **RED KRYPTONITE** HAS TRANSFORMED MY BODY INTO THE SHAPE OF THIS GROTESQUE, GHASTLY CREATURE?

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ONE DAY, AS REPORTER JIMMY OLSEN FLIES TO A REMOTE MOUNTAIN REGION IN THE **DAILY PLANET** HELICOPTER...

THE SEISMOGRAPH REPORT THAT INDICATED EARTHQUAKE AND VOLCANIC ACTIVITY HERE IS TRUE! LET'S GO DOWN LOWER SO WE CAN GET SOME GOOD PICTURES!

OKAY, JIMMY!

AS THE **FLYING NEWSROOM** HOVERS OVER THE RAVAGED AREA...

WOW! A LANDSLIDE HAS UNCOVERED A COLOSSAL RED EGG! IT LOOKS WEIRD, ALMOST OMINOUS... I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS!

JIMMY, I'VE GOT A WIFE AND TWO KIDS! DON'T ASK ME TO LAND IN THAT EARTHQUAKE REGION!

DON'T WORRY, ACE! I'LL SUMMON **SUPERMAN** WITH MY SIGNAL-WATCH! HE'LL INVESTIGATE THAT RED EGG FOR ME!

BUT TO CLARK KENT, WHO IS SECRETLY **SUPERMAN**, THE SIGNAL-SUMMONS COMES AT AN EMBARRASING MOMENT!

OH-OH... THAT SUPER-SONIC SIGNAL WHICH ONLY I CAN HEAR MEANS JIMMY OLSEN NEEDS ME... BUT I'VE A DATE FOR LUNCH WITH LOIS! HMM, MAYBE SUPER-VENTRILLOQUISM WILL HELP!

LOIS, COME IN HERE!

OH, DEAR, PERRY'S CALLING ME! GO AHEAD TO LUNCH WITHOUT ME, CLARK!

ZEE... ZEE...

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THE SUPER-NEWS
EVERY MAN

I DIDN'T CALL YOU, LOIS!

I WAS SURE I HEARD YOU, PERRY... BUT I GUESS I WAS WRONG! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!

SOON, AT EYE-BLURRING SPEED, **SUPERMAN** REACHES THE EARTHQUAKE-SCENE!

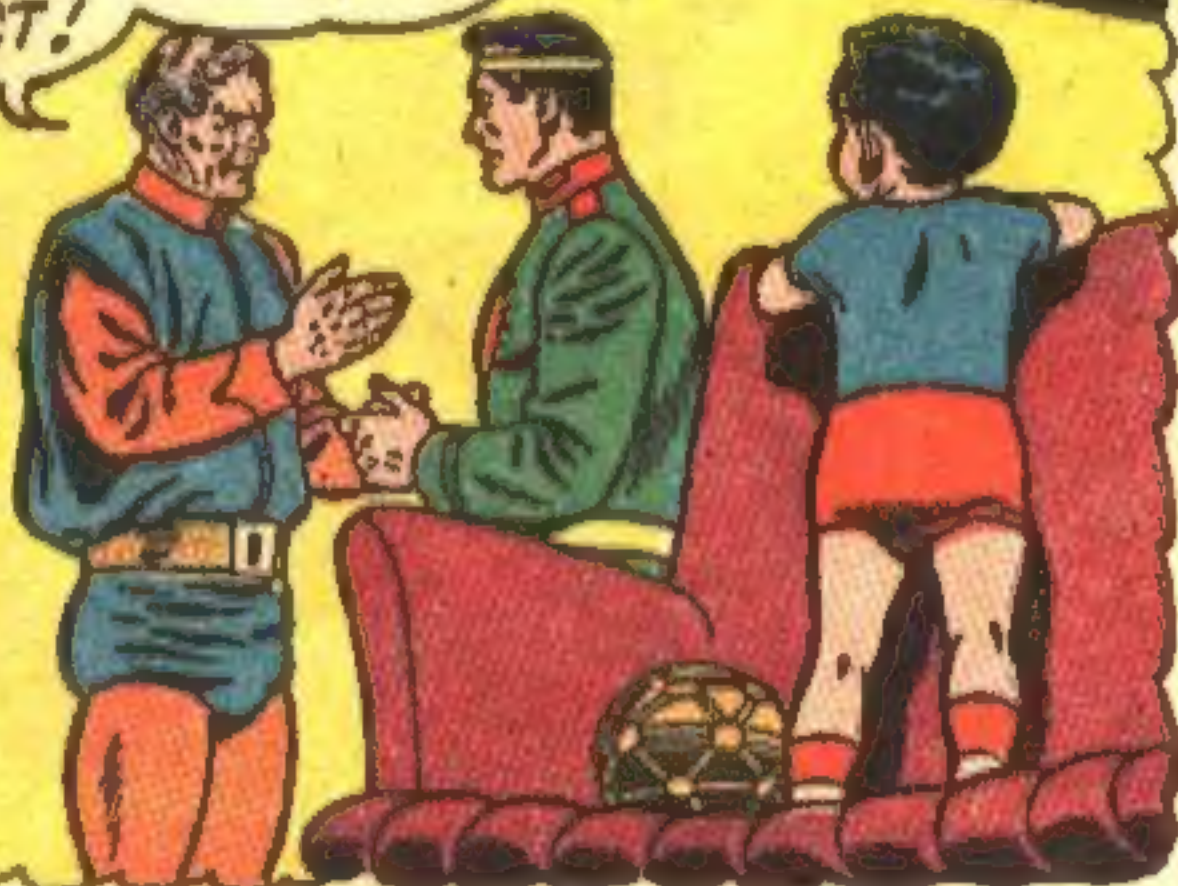
HI, **SUPERMAN**! THAT HUGE EGG THE LANDSLIDE UNCOVERED LOOKS SO STRANGE, IT SCARES ME!

IT SHOULD, JIMMY! I RECOGNIZE THAT EGG AS BELONGING TO THE WORST MONSTER THAT EVER EXISTED ON **KRYPTON**, THE PLANET ON WHICH I WAS BORN!

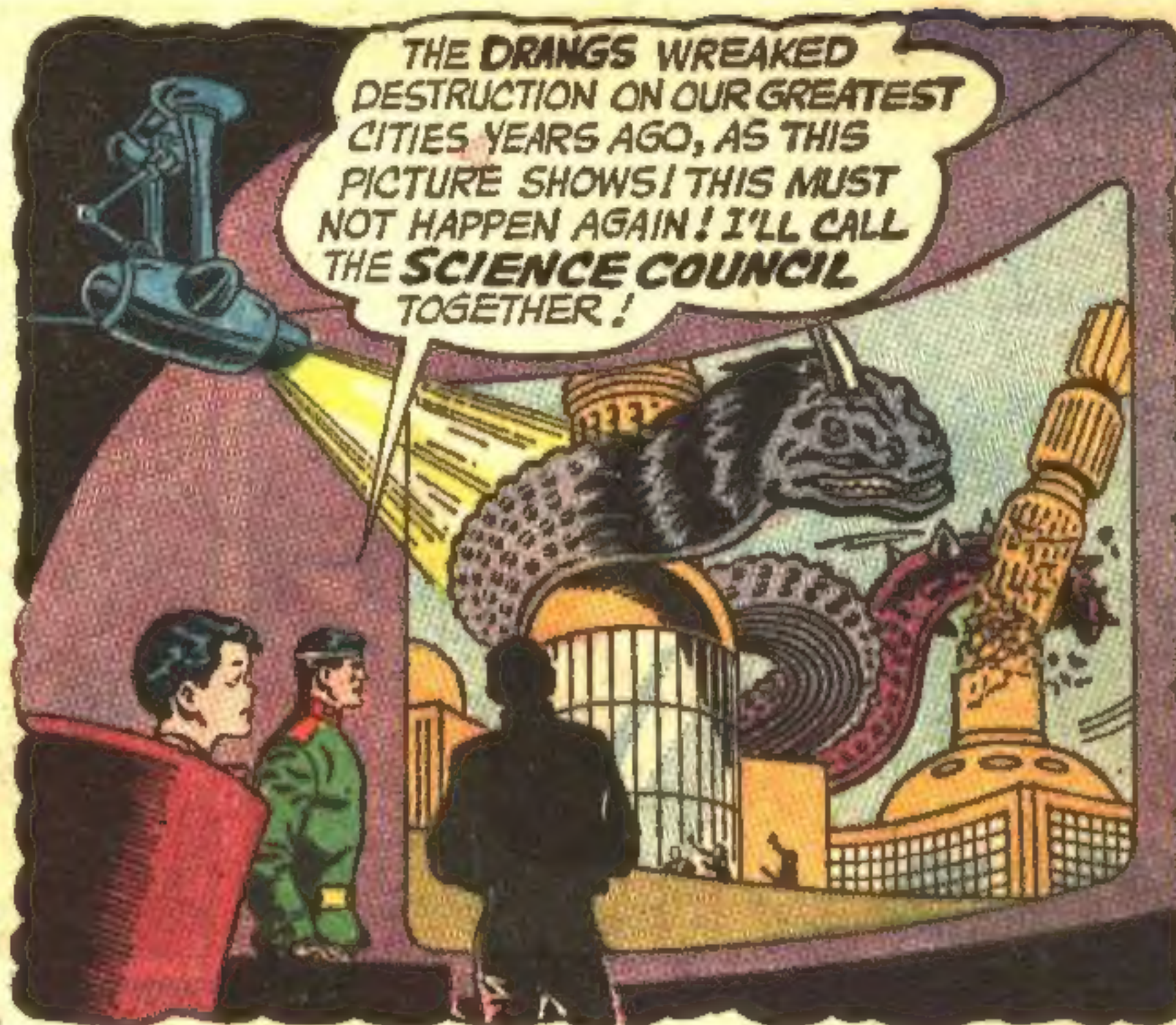
USING HIS AMAZING ABILITY OF **TOTAL RECALL**, THE **MAN OF STEEL** REMEMBERS WHEN HE WAS BABY KAL-EL ON **KRYPTON**, THE SON OF SCIENTIST JOR-EL...

JOR-EL, WE'VE FOUND EGGS OF THE TERRIBLE **DRANG**, THE MONSTER EVERYONE THOUGHT WAS EXTINCT!

THOSE EGGS MUST NOT HATCH ON **KRYPTON**!



THE **DRANGS** WRECKED DESTRUCTION ON OUR GREATEST CITIES YEARS AGO, AS THIS PICTURE SHOWS! THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN AGAIN! I'LL CALL THE **SCIENCE COUNCIL** TOGETHER!



"ON **KRYPTON**, LIFE WAS NEVER TAKEN UNNECESSARILY, SO A HUMANE PLAN WAS ADOPTED!"

THE EGGS ARE BEING LAUNCHED IN CONTAINERS TO A WARM, UNINHABITED PLANET! THE PROTECTIVE CONTAINERS ARE DESIGNED TO DISSOLVE AWAY IN TIME AND THE **DRANG** EGGS WILL HATCH WHERE THEY WON'T HARM ANYONE!



"BUT THERE WAS ONE SLIP IN THE LAUNCHING!"

THE MISSILE WITH THE LAST EGG WE LAUNCHED HADN'T ENOUGH ROCKET-POWER AND WENT INTO CLOSE ORBIT AROUND **KRYPTON**!

THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT... IT WON'T HATCH IN COLD SPACE, SO IT'LL NEVER BE A MENACE!



BUT WHEN **KRYPTON** BLEW UP, THE EXPLOSION MUST HAVE HURLED THAT ORBITING EGG TOWARD EARTH! ITS CONTAINER DISSOLVED, BUT SILT COVERED THE EGG UNTIL NOW, SO IT COULDN'T HATCH!

SUPERMAN--ANOTHER QUAKE HAS STARTED... AND LOOK AT THE GIANT EGG! **LOOK!**



THE EGG'S ROLLING DOWN INTO THAT SMOKING FISSURE!

IT'S HOT DOWN THERE, AND HEAT WOULD QUICKLY HATCH THE EGG! I MUST PREVENT THAT... I'M GOING DOWN IN THERE AFTER IT!



AFTER **SUPERMAN** PLUNGES INTO THE FISSURE, JIMMY OLSEN WAITS ANXIOUSLY!

I CAN'T SEE INTO THE FISSURE BECAUSE OF THE SMOKE... BUT WHAT'S **SUPERMAN** DOING DOWN THERE SO LONG? WAIT... SOMETHING IS MOVING DOWN THERE... HE MUST BE COMING OUT NOW!



BUT TO JIMMY'S HORROR...

THAT MONSTER! THE EGG MUST HAVE HATCHED! AND IT'S GOT **SUPERMAN'S** COSTUME IN ITS JAWS! OH, NO... THIS KRYPTONIAN MONSTER HAS KILLED **SUPERMAN**!



WHY IS JIMMY RECOILING? I THOUGHT THAT BY HOLDING MY COSTUME IN MY JAWS I WOULD MAKE HIM REALIZE THE TRUTH... THAT **I AM SUPERMAN**! I'VE GOT TO MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED TO ME!



"WHEN I DIVED DOWN INTO THAT FISSURE, I FELT AN OMINOUS TINGLING..."

THE FALL SMASHED THE EGG... IT'LL NEVER HATCH NOW! BUT THIS WEIRD SENSATION... IT'S THE TINGLING I ALWAYS FEEL WHEN I GET NEAR **RED KRYPTONITE**, WHICH ALWAYS WORKS AN UNPREDICTABLE AND DIFFERENT CHANGE IN ME!



"BECAUSE I WAS THINKING OF A DRAG AT THAT VERY MOMENT, EXPOSURE TO **RED KRYPTONITE** TURNED ME INTO ONE!"

THE SHELL OF THE GIANT RED EGG IS **RED KRYPTONITE**! WHEN THE ORBITING EGG WAS HURLED THROUGH SPACE, IT MUST'VE PASSED THROUGH THE CRIMSON COSMIC CLOUD THAT CONVERTED ITS SHELL INTO **RED K**! I'VE GOT TO LET JIMMY KNOW IT'S ME... I'LL SHOW HIM MY COSTUME, TO EXPLAIN THE CHANGE!



BUT, SEEING NOW THAT JIMMY HAS MISUNDERSTOOD...

HE DIDN'T REALIZE MY MEANING... HE'S FLEEING! I'LL HIDE MY COSTUME AND FIND SOME OTHER WAY OF TELLING HIM!

FLY AWAY FROM HERE AS FAST AS YOU CAN, ACE! WE WOULDN'T HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST A MONSTER THAT ³CHOKED! DEVoured **SUPERMAN!**



AS THE "MONSTER" WHO IS REALLY **SUPERMAN** ATTEMPTS TO FOLLOW...

BACK TO **METROPOLIS**... WE'VE GOT TO CARRY WARNING OF THIS MONSTER!

I'M FLYING ERRATICALLY, BECAUSE I HAVEN'T YET LEARNED HOW THIS STRANGE BODY FLIES! I'VE GOT TO LEARN TO CONTROL IT, BEFORE I CAN FOLLOW JIMMY AND SOMEHOW MAKE HIM REALIZE WHAT HAPPENED TO ME!



AND SOON, AT THE **DAILY PLANET**...

LOOK, THERE IT COMES... IT'S FOLLOWED ME!

GREAT CAESAR'S GHOST, IT'S REAL, AND TERRIBLE! I DIDN'T BELIEVE ANYTHING COULD KILL **SUPERMAN**, BUT I BELIEVE YOU NOW! I'LL CALL THE ARMED FORCES!



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EVERY MAN

THOSE SEPARATE LETTERS OF THE ADVERTISING SIGN... IF I CAN REARRANGE THEM INTO WORDS, I CAN TELL THEM I'M **SUPERMAN!**

IT'S COMING RIGHT AT US... RUN!

I ³SOB! DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME, NOW THAT **SUPERMAN** IS DEAD!



PRESENTLY, THE AWED POPULACE OF **METROPOLIS** SEES THE NIGHTMARE CREATURE LOOMING ABOVE IT!



IT'S LIKE A BAD DREAM... BUT IT'S REAL!

LOOK... IT'S STARTING TO TEAR UP THE PLANET BUILDING!

THEN, AS THE MONSTER THAT IS **SUPERMAN** ATTEMPTS TO FORM HIS DESPERATE MESSAGE...



I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE... THOSE BULLETS ARE RICOCHETING OFF ME, BUT COULD STRIKE INNOCENT PEOPLE DOWN IN THE STREETS!

THERE COME THE AIR FORCE PLANES IN ANSWER TO MY CALL! THEY'RE ATTACKING THE MONSTER... BUT BULLETS AND ROCKETS DON'T SEEM TO HURT IT!

THAT THING IS INVULNERABLE TO BULLETS! WE'LL HAVE TO GATHER TANKS, CANNON, BOMBER PLANES AND MISSILES, TO FIGHT IT!

IT HAS TO BE DONE... NOT JUST TO AVENGE **SUPERMAN**, BUT BECAUSE THE THING'S SO DESTRUCTIVE, IT'S A WORLD-MENACE!



IT'S IRONIC... THOSE PEOPLE WHO VISITED THE STATUE HONORING ME ARE FLEEING FROM ME IN TERROR!

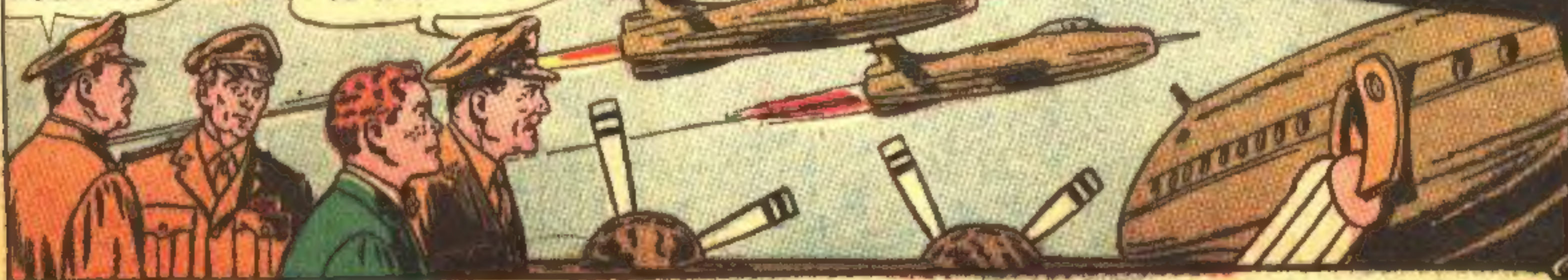
I MUST SOMEHOW TELL THEM THAT I'M **SUPERMAN** BEFORE THE THING I FEAR MOST HAPPENS... THE THING THAT COULD BE DEADLY TO ME...



MEANWHILE, AT A BASE NEAR **METROPOLIS**, MIGHTY FORCES HAVE SWIFTLY GATHERED!

I'VE ALERTED THE ARMY TANK-UNITS, SIR, AND THEY'LL RENDEZVOUS WITH US WHEN WE GIVE THEM THE MONSTER'S LOCATION!

RADAR HAS BEEN TRACKING THE CREATURE AND WILL KEEP US INFORMED! COME ON, MR. OLSEN... MY COMMAND-PLANE IS READY TO TAKE OFF!





BUT AS THE **SUPERMAN-MONSTER** ZOOMS AROUND TO BEGIN ANOTHER LETTER...

THOSE ARMY TANKS ARE ALL OVER THE FIELD... I CAN'T GOUGE MORE LETTERS WITHOUT DESTROYING THEM! I'VE GOT TO GIVE UP THIS ATTEMPT!



EVEN THE HEAVIEST BOMBS DIDN'T HURT IT!

BUT WE STOPPED ITS ATTACK AND NOW WE'VE GOT IT ON THE RUN! I'LL ORDER THE INTERCEPTOR-PLANES AFTER IT!



THOSE PLANES CAN'T FLY AS HIGH AS I CAN! I'VE GOT TO TELL THEM SOMEHOW THAT I'M **SUPERMAN**... MAYBE I CAN DO IT WITH MY **BREATH!**



MOMENTS LATER...

JUST AS I HOPED! MY BREATH, EXHALED IN THIS ICY STRATOSPHERE, LEAVES A VAPOR-TRAIL... WITH WHICH I CAN **SKY-WRITE** MY MESSAGE!



BUT REMORSELESSLY, THE REMARKABLE RADAR PINPOINTS ITS TARGET!

CALLING MISSILE BATTERIES! LOCATION OF MONSTER NOW H-39-701... ALTITUDE 92,000 FEET!

GOT IT! WE'LL LAUNCH MISSILES AT ONCE!



AN INSTANT LATER, **SUPERMAN'S** NEW DESPERATE STRATAGEM IS FRUSTRATED BY THE MIGHTIEST WEAPONS ON EARTH!

THE MISSILE EXPLOSIONS ARE OBLITERATING MY SKY-WRITING! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? THEY'LL SOON TURN TO THE ONE WEAPON THAT CAN DESTROY ME! I **MUST** GET THROUGH TO THEM BEFORE THEY THINK OF THAT!

BUT ALREADY THE THING **SUPERMAN** FEARS MOST IS HAPPENING... AND IRONICALLY, IT'S HIS PAL JIMMY WHO'S RESPONSIBLE!

EVEN THE MISSILES DIDN'T HURT IT, AND NOW IT'S MOVING AWAY! OUR RADAR WILL KEEP TRACK OF IT, BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO DESTROY IT?

I'VE GOT AN IDEA! IT'S A CREATURE OF **KRYPTON**... **GREEN KRYPTONITE** COULD KILL IT!

SOON, AT THE BASE NEAR **METROPOLIS...** COLONEL, GET THAT

THERE ARE SAMPLES OF **GREEN KRYPTONITE** IN A LEAD VAULT AT THE PENTAGON! IT COULD BE MADE INTO BULLETS THAT WOULD KILL THE MONSTER!

KRYPTONITE HERE FAST! WE'LL WATCH THE MONSTER'S MOVEMENTS IN THE RADAR ROOM!

AS TENSE MOMENTS PASS, THE RADAR OPERATORS REPORT!

OUR RADAR IS STILL LOCKED ONTO THE THING, SIR... AND IT'S GOING **NORTHWARD** TOWARD THE ARCTIC!

IT'S TRYING TO HIDE FROM US IN THAT WILDERNESS, BUT IT CAN'T HIDE FROM RADAR!

BUT THE HUNTED MONSTER HAS **SUPERMAN'S** MIND IN IT, AND HIS BRILLIANT MIND STILL FUNCTIONS!

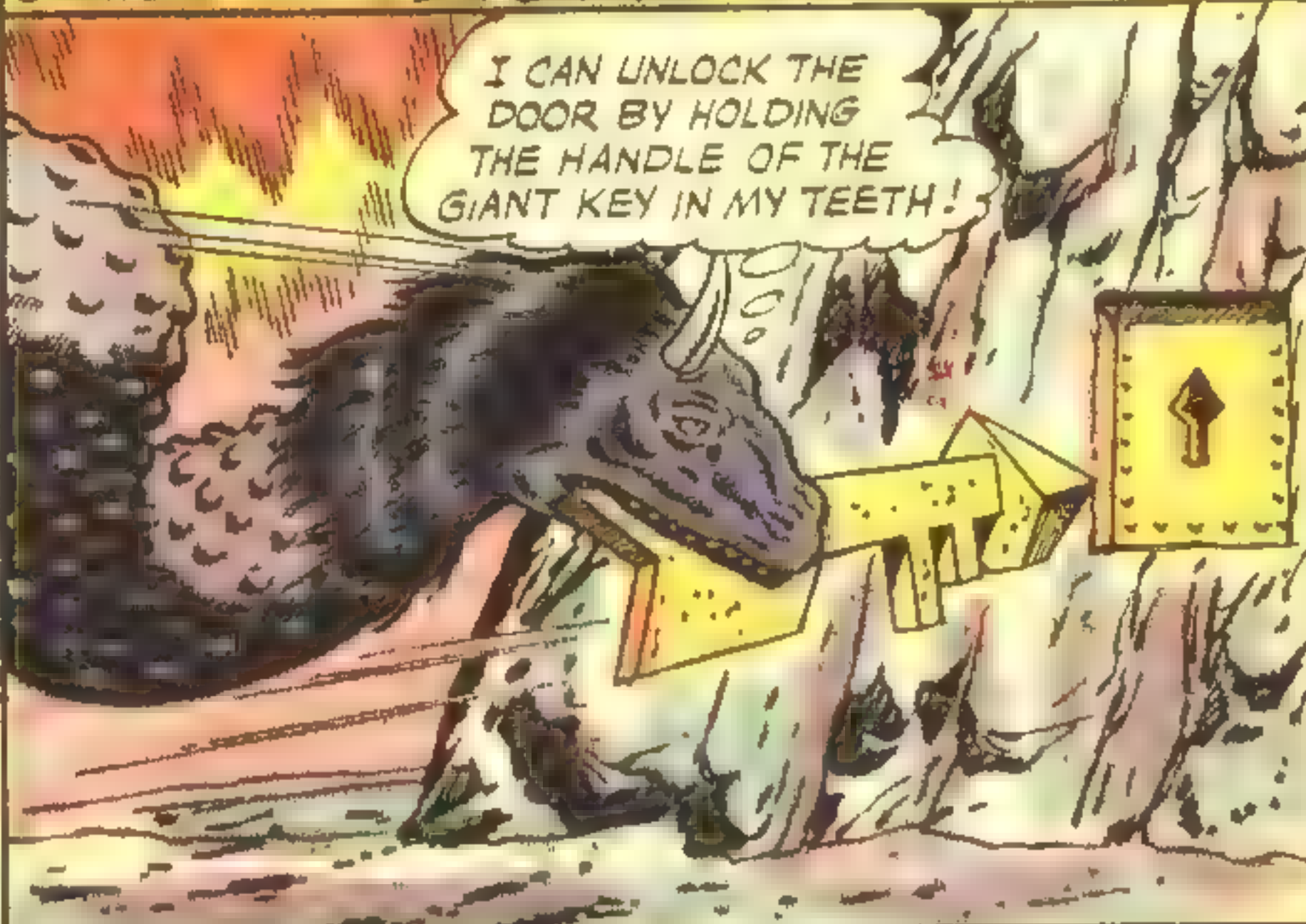
MY LAST CHANCE IS THE TELEPATHIC-SENDING TROPHY IN MY **FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE**... WITH IT, I COULD TELL THEM THE TRUTH BY **THOUGHT**! BUT I MUSTN'T LET THEIR RADAR TRACK ME HERE... AND THOSE MIGRATING WILD-GEESSE SHOULD HELP!

WE'VE LOST OUR RADAR-LOCK ON THE MONSTER, SIR! IT MIXED IN WITH OTHER FLYING OBJECTS, PROBABLY A FLOCK OF WILD BIRDS, AND NOW WE DON'T KNOW WHICH IS WHICH!

STRANGE... IT'S AS THOUGH THE CREATURE KNOWS HOW TO THROW OFF A RADAR-LOCK, BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!



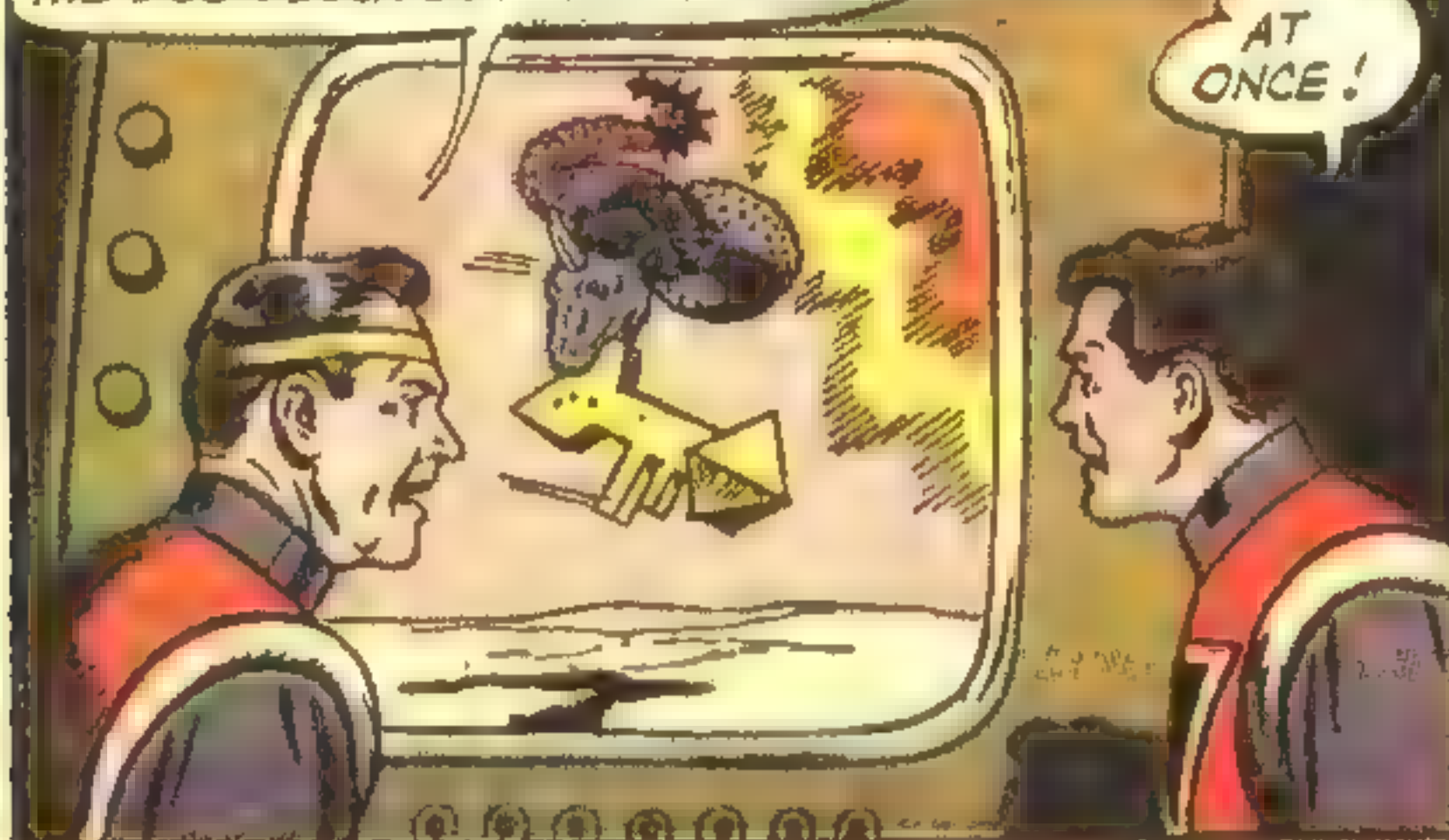
AS NORTHERN LIGHTS FLARE IN SOMBER SPLENDOR, THE CREATURE THAT IS **SUPERMAN** REACHES ITS GOAL!



I CAN UNLOCK THE DOOR BY HOLDING THE HANDLE OF THE GIANT KEY IN MY TEETH!

BUT INSIDE THE FORTRESS, IN THE TINY BOTTLE-CITY OF **KANDOR**, MONITORS ARE WATCHING!

THAT MONSTER IS TRYING TO UNLOCK THE DOOR OF THE FORTRESS AND GET IN! **EMERGENCY SQUAD**—BLOCK THE DOOR-LOCK SO IT WON'T OPEN!



AT ONCE!

UP FROM THE BOTTLE-CITY, AFTER ENLARGING TO A FEW INCHES SIZE, FLASH THE SUPER-POWERED MEN OF THE **EMERGENCY SQUAD**!

INTO THE DOOR-LOCK, MEN! WE HAVE SUPER-STRENGTH WHEN OUTSIDE OUR BOTTLE-CITY, AND YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!

WE KNOW... AWAY!



A SPECIAL ENLARGING GAS ENABLES THE KANDORIANS TO INCREASE THEIR SIZE A FEW INCHES FOR A BRIEF TIME. Editor

AND INSTANTS LATER, INSIDE THE GREAT LOCK...

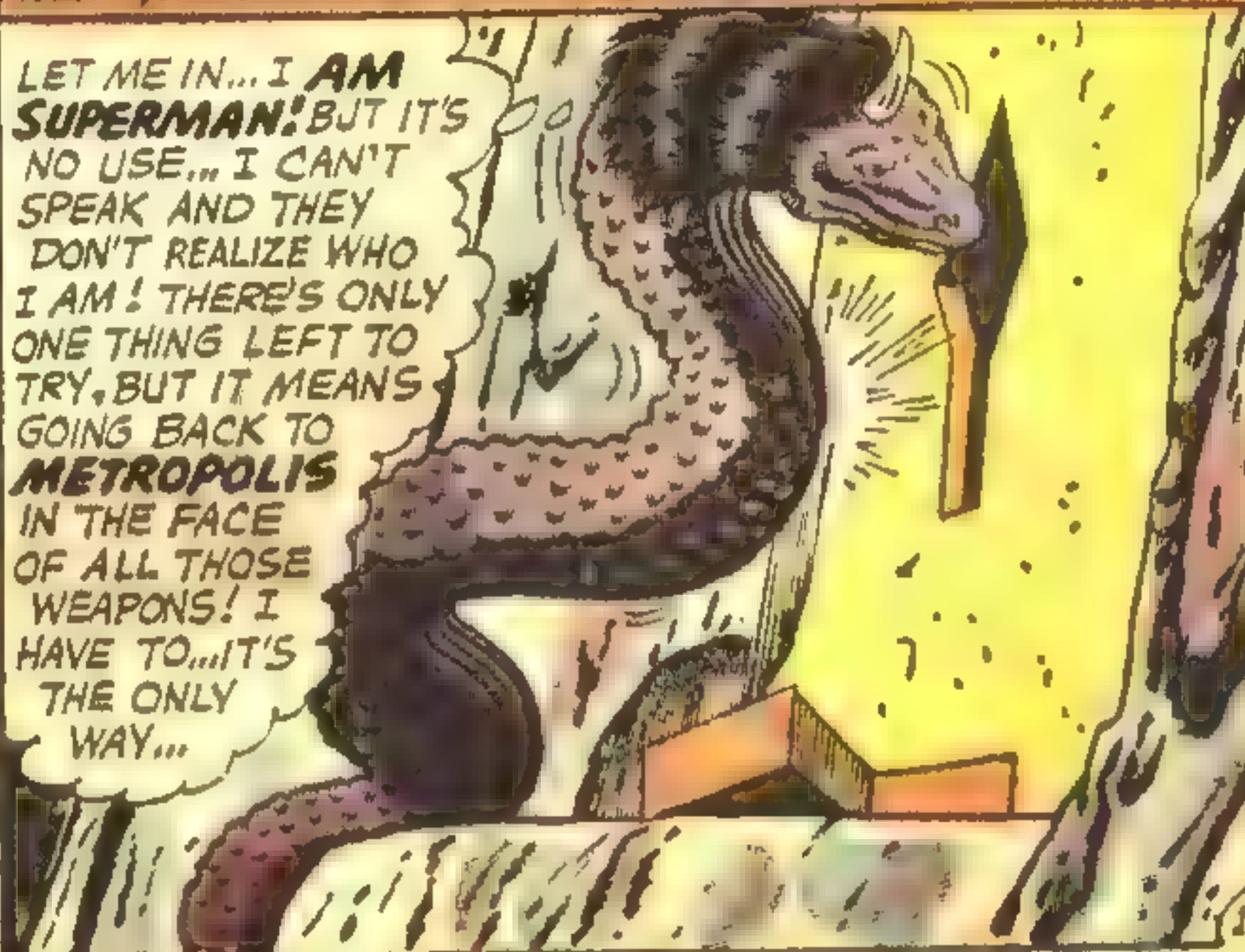
THE CREATURE CAN NEVER TURN THE KEY AGAINST OUR COMBINED STRENGTH!

WE'LL KEEP THE THING OUT...JUST AS WE HAVE ALWAYS GUARDED THE FORTRESS FOR OUR GREAT FRIEND, **SUPERMAN!**

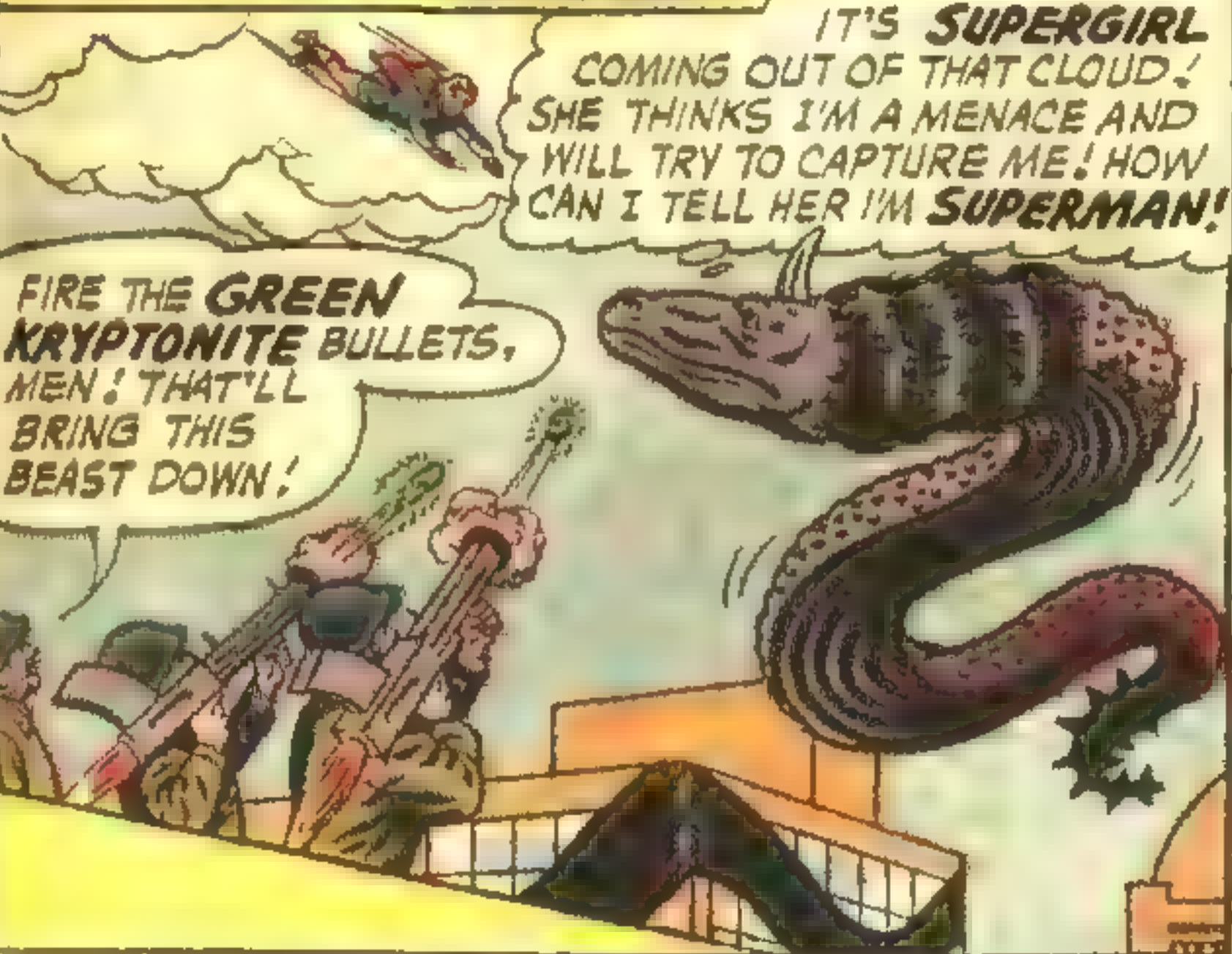


BARRED OUT OF HIS FORTRESS, HUNTED, AND WITH DOOM NEAR, THE MONSTER THAT IS **SUPERMAN** DESPAIRS!

LET ME IN... I **AM SUPERMAN!** BUT IT'S NO USE... I CAN'T SPEAK AND THEY DON'T REALIZE WHO I AM! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO TRY, BUT IT MEANS GOING BACK TO **METROPOLIS** IN THE FACE OF ALL THOSE WEAPONS! I HAVE TO...IT'S THE ONLY WAY...



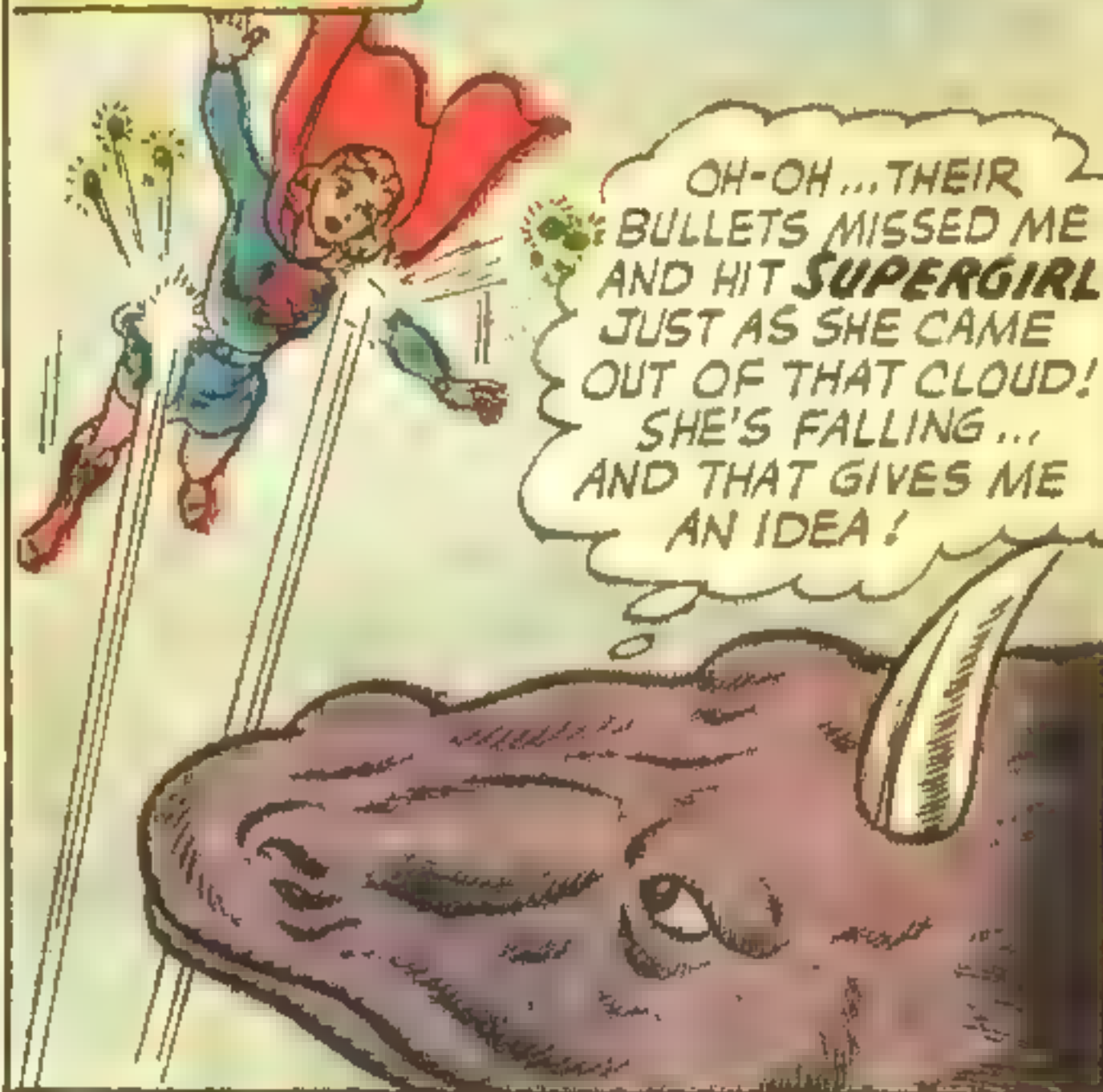
BUT WHEN HE NEARS **METROPOLIS**, SUDDENLY, A SURPRISING SIGHT--**SUPERGIRL!**



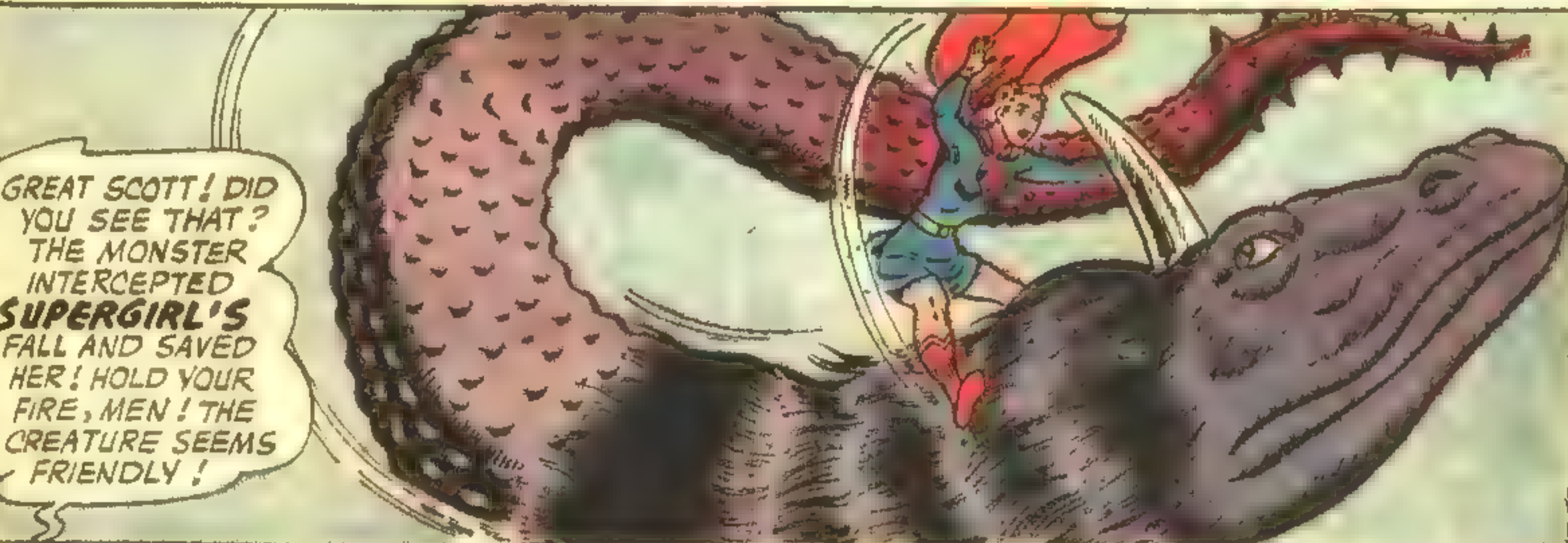
FIRE THE **GREEN KRYPTONITE** BULLETS, MEN! THAT'LL BRING THIS BEAST DOWN!

IT'S **SUPERGIRL** COMING OUT OF THAT CLOUD! SHE THINKS I'M A MENACE AND WILL TRY TO CAPTURE ME! HOW CAN I TELL HER I'M **SUPERMAN**!

NEXT MOMENT...



OH-OH...THEIR BULLETS MISSED ME AND HIT **SUPERGIRL** JUST AS SHE CAME OUT OF THAT CLOUD! SHE'S FALLING... AND THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!



GREAT SCOTT! DID YOU SEE THAT? THE MONSTER INTERCEPTED **SUPERGIRL'S** FALL AND SAVED HER! HOLD YOUR FIRE, MEN! THE CREATURE SEEMS FRIENDLY!

THEN AMAZINGLY...



I CAN'T UNDERSTAND THIS! FIRST, THE CREATURE RESCUED ME--NOW IT SEEMS BENT ON DESTROYING THIS **SUPERMAN** STATUE!

BUT INSTEAD OF DESTROYING...



IN HONOR OF THE GREATEST HERO FROM KRYPTON

NOW IT'S USING ITS TAIL-TIP TO GOUGE OUT SOME OF THE LETTERS OF THE INSCRIPTION! I WONDER IS IT TRYING TO COMMUNICATE WITH ME?

THEN...

NOW IT READS, **'I AM SUPERMAN'**... BUT THAT'S FANTASTIC! WAIT, THOUGH... THE THING DID SAVE ME WHEN I FELL... AND **RED KRYPTONITE** HAS WEIRDLY CHANGED **SUPERMAN** IN THE PAST!

AS SOLDIERS RUSH TO THE SCENE...

IT SEEMS INCREDIBLE... BUT AS LONG AS THE CREATURE'S QUIET, WE'LL GUARD IT AND WAIT! IF IT MAKES A MOVE, WE'LL SHOOT THE KRYPTONITE AT IT!

DON'T SHOOT! I THINK THAT CREATURE MAY BE **SUPERMAN**, AND IF IT IS, HE'LL CHANGE BACK TO HIMSELF SOONER OR LATER!

HOURS PASS, AND THEN COMES A SUDDEN TRANSFORMATION!

SUPERMAN! TO THINK WE HUNTED YOU, DROVE YOU, TRIED TO KILL YOU...

IT'S ALL RIGHT, JIMMY... YOU COULDN'T KNOW! BUT I'M GLAD THAT **SUPERGIRL** GOT MY MESSAGE!

COME BACK TO EARTH

BUT I'M GLAD NOW THAT IN THE PAST I'VE HELPED CREATE SANCTUARIES FOR HUNTED WILD ANIMALS! FOR NOW I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE ONE.

THE END

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Dear Editor: In previous stories you have established that when SUPERMAN flies through a certain Red Kryptonite cloud, and wishes for any physical change in his body, the Red K cloud has the property of making his wish come true. (I remember that in the story, "The Invasion of the Super-Ants", he wished to have an ant's head and antennae, and his wish was granted.) If these circumstances hold true for all Kryptonians, then why can't the tiny people imprisoned in the reduced bottle-city of Kandor fly through the cloud and wish they were big? It's about time they were enlarged, and this would be a good way to do it.

Evan Bennett, San Diego, Calif.

(Nice try. But you forget that ALL Red K effects are TEMPORARY, so your solution doesn't stand up. —Ed.)

Dear Editor: You really made a funny mistake in the recent SUPERGIRL story, "The Fantastic Secret of SUPERBABY II." On Page 5 you show Linda Lee treating orphans to an outdoor picnic. Then, on Page 8, you show Rax-Rol, the Kandorian boy actor, making a snowman. How can it be hot enough for a picnic one day, and cold enough for a snowman only a day later?

Wayne Ryerson, River Grove, Ill.

(Don't blame us. Blame the weatherman.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I greatly enjoyed the story, "Superman's Experimental Robots", particularly the surprise ending, in which the "LL" that saved SUPERMAN were the twin clocks set to 3 o'clock. May I ask where on Earth, or maybe in the Universe, do you think up so many different ideas for LL's? I've been thinking for three weeks, but I haven't thought of one yet. How do you do it?

Kay Hamilton, Pitman, N. J.

(We'd like to tell you, but it's all due to Lady Luck.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I think I know why you created Comet, the Super-Horse. If he were to become a man permanently, you could stage a marriage between Supergirl and Biron. As her husband, he could protect Supergirl from Kryptonite, because it can't harm him. You're a sly fox!

Stan Orelova, Chicago, Ill.

(And you're not such a wise owl! If Comet were changed permanently into his human form, as Biron, he would have no super-powers and be unable to guard Supergirl. As for whether Supergirl will some day marry Biron, we have no comment at this time.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In the February issue of ACTION, the SUPERGIRL story introduced a new Phantom Zone prisoner, Kru-El. Some of your readers will conclude that the name symbolizes the villain's "cruel"

nature. Many others, like me, may have detected a double meaning. Has it occurred to you that since Kru-El has Superman's Kryptonian family name-ending, -EL, that he might be the "black sheep" of the "House of El"?

Bruce Porter, Salem, Ill.

(Good thinking. That's exactly the case, Bruce, and we intend to bring back Kru-El for a return engagement. In the meanwhile, if you like to see SUPERGIRL up against super-villains, we call your attention to our very next issue, wherein she battles BLACK FLAME—a female super-villainess from the future who is Supergirl's own descendant!—Ed.)

Dear Editor: "Superman Under the Red Sun" was one of the greatest stories you've ever published. I envy readers who will read this story for the first time in one of your 1970 GIANT ANNUALS. I especially liked the way this story was illustrated . . . the artist captured the mood of the situation and the bleak, hopeless state of Earth as a dying planet. It reminded me very much of the somber feeling which gripped the audience in the movie of a few years ago, "On the Beach."

Barry Nicholas, Westport, Conn.

(We agree, too, that this story was a classic. Credit Artist Alfred Plastino for the great drawing job and author Edmon Hamilton for the plot.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Many of your stories have given us behind-the-scenes peeks at what life on Krypton was like. (You are doing this remarkably well in your new series in JIMMY OLSEN Magazine, in which Superman and Jimmy have adventures in the bottle-city of Kandor as "Flame-bird" and "Night-Wing.") However, in all the years I've been reading your books, I've never seen anything which would indicate that the people of Krypton were superstitious. Was there anything about their customs which made them believe in "bad luck", such as exist on Earth where some people fear a black cat, breaking a mirror, walking under a ladder, etc.?

Forrest Yavers, Boston, Mass.

(About the time when Krypton blew up, its civilization was one of the most enlightened in the Universe. Consequently, its people scoffed at the superstitious and the supernatural. However, in earlier centuries, some of their people, unable to explain certain scientific phenomena, credited these happenings to the supernatural. These people were very superstitious. For example, they believed that if you saw a shooting star, it would mean a death in the family unless you lived in a cave for 48 hours. Watch this department for news of a forthcoming story which will dramatize Krypton's unique superstitions.—Ed.)

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TRICKSY

WORLD'S GREATEST
STUNT MAN

HENRY
BOLTAOFF

OH, SURE, I CAN
OVER THESE FALLS
A BARREL!

I'LL DO IT
TOMORROW.

FINE!

NEXT
DAY..

HERE COMES TRICKSY
NOW IN HIS BARREL.

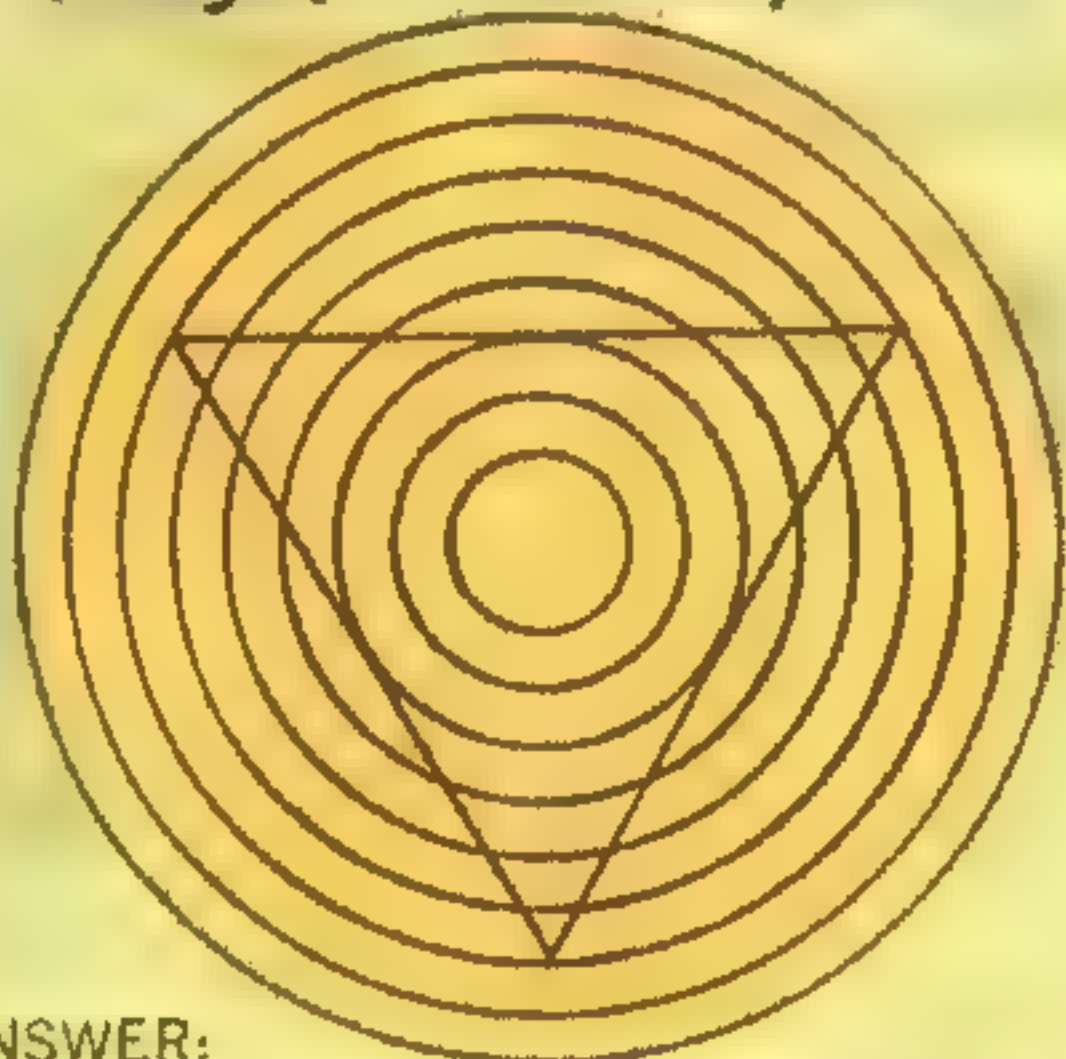
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A PIECE OF
BARREL. NOW
WHY DID
TRICKSY CUT
IT OUT?

IT'S A PICTURE WINDOW!
I DON'T WANT TO MISS
THE VIEW!

?

LOOK AT THE TRIANGLE!
Are the sides of the triangle
straight, or are they bent?



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PLACE A RULER ALONG EACH SIDE OF
THE TRIANGLE. YOU WILL FIND THAT
THE SIDES ARE PERFECTLY STRAIGHT.

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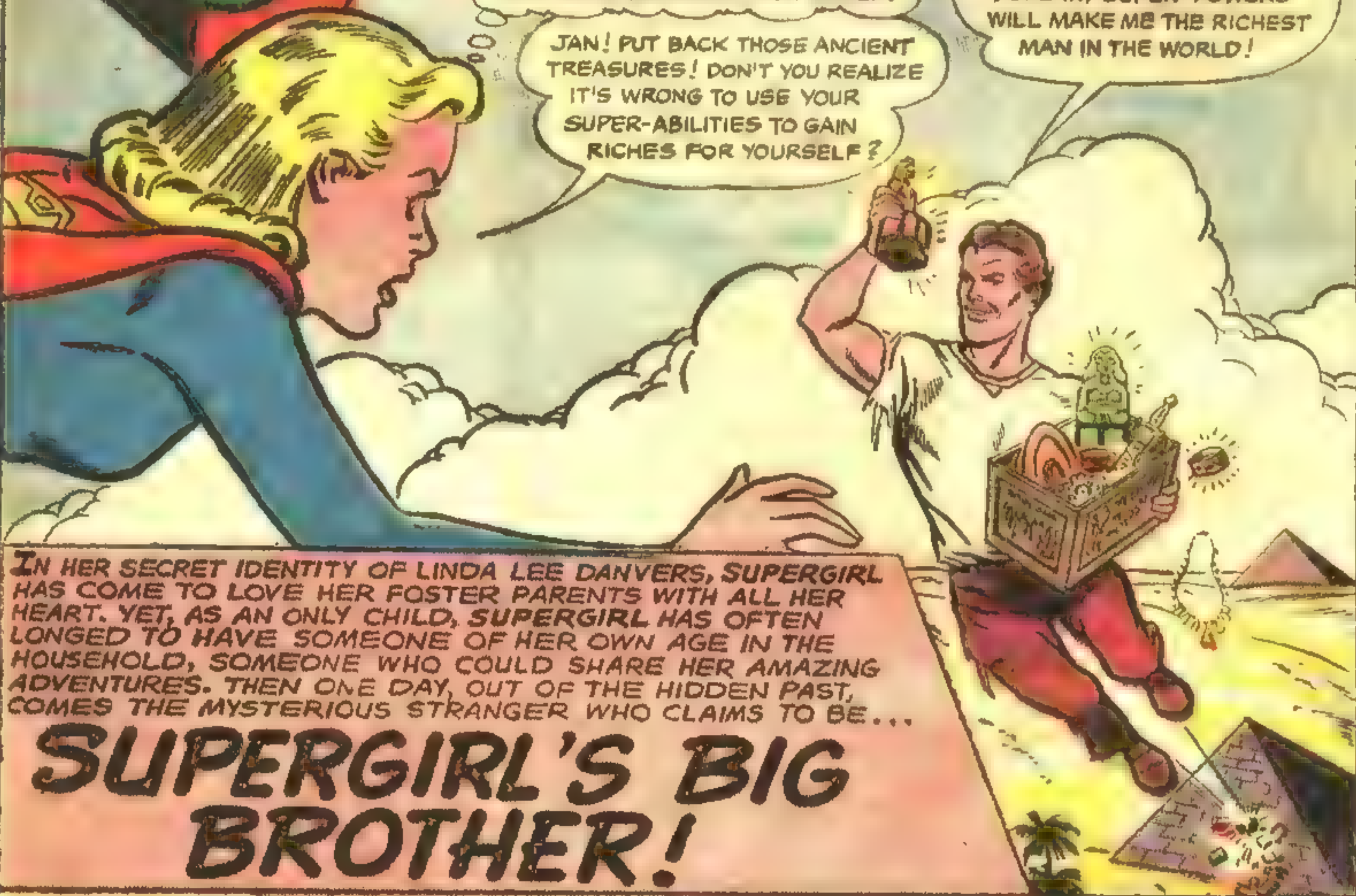
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Tootsie Roll center!

SUPERGIRL

IT'S MY BROTHER, JAN! EVER SINCE I GAVE HIM SUPER-POWERS HE'S GONE BERSERK WITH GREED!

JAN! PUT BACK THOSE ANCIENT TREASURES! DON'T YOU REALIZE IT'S WRONG TO USE YOUR SUPER-ABILITIES TO GAIN RICHES FOR YOURSELF?

KNOCK IT OFF, SUPERGIRL! BEFORE I'M DONE MY SUPER-POWERS WILL MAKE ME THE RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD!

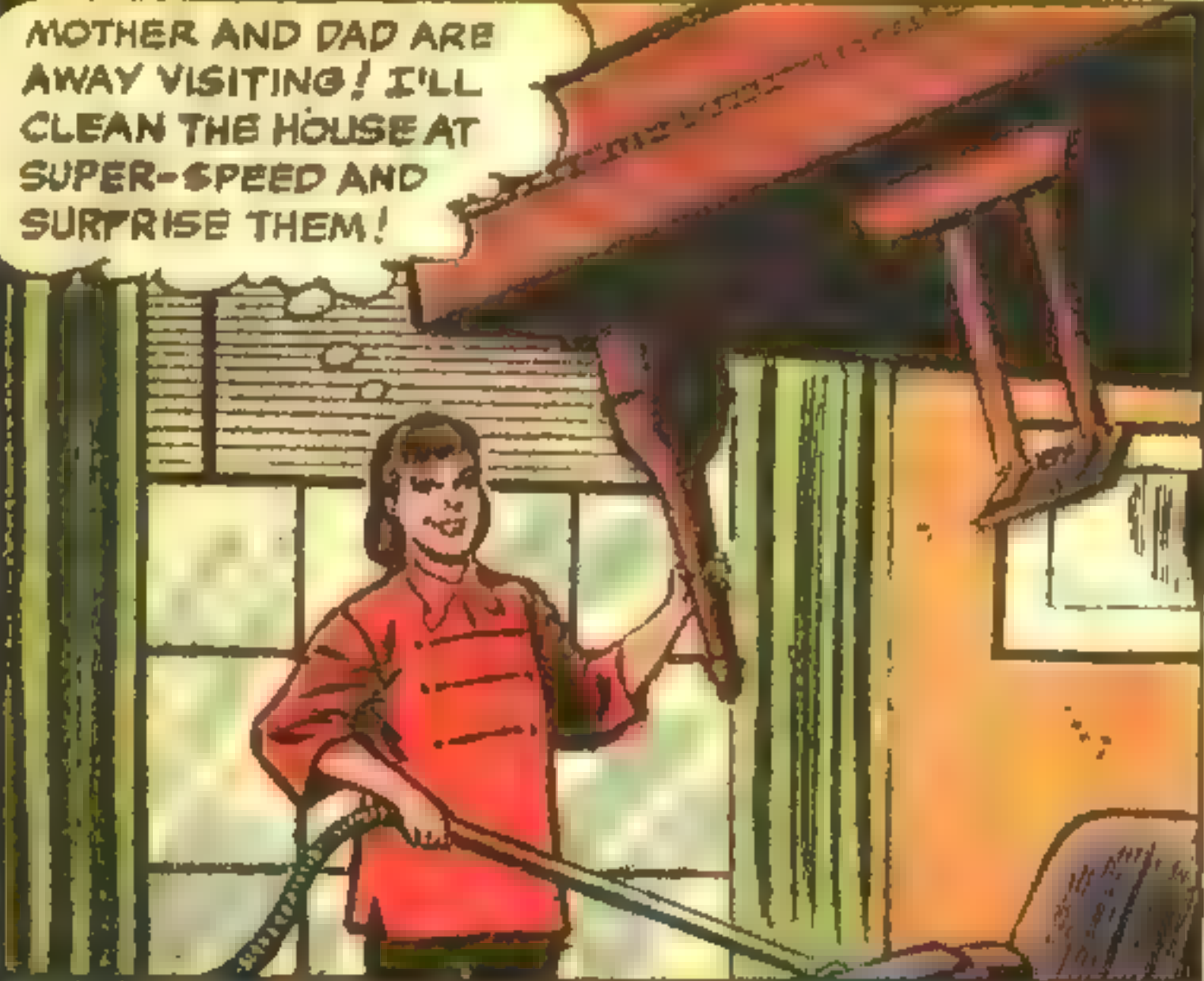


IN HER SECRET IDENTITY OF LINDA LEE DANVERS, SUPERGIRL HAS COME TO LOVE HER FOSTER PARENTS WITH ALL HER HEART. YET, AS AN ONLY CHILD, SUPERGIRL HAS OFTEN LONGED TO HAVE SOMEONE OF HER OWN AGE IN THE HOUSEHOLD, SOMEONE WHO COULD SHARE HER AMAZING ADVENTURES. THEN ONE DAY, OUT OF THE HIDDEN PAST, COMES THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER WHO CLAIMS TO BE...

SUPERGIRL'S BIG BROTHER!

ONE DAY, AS LINDA LEE DANVERS, WHO IS SECRETLY THE HEROIC **SUPERGIRL**, DOES HER HOUSEHOLD CHORES...

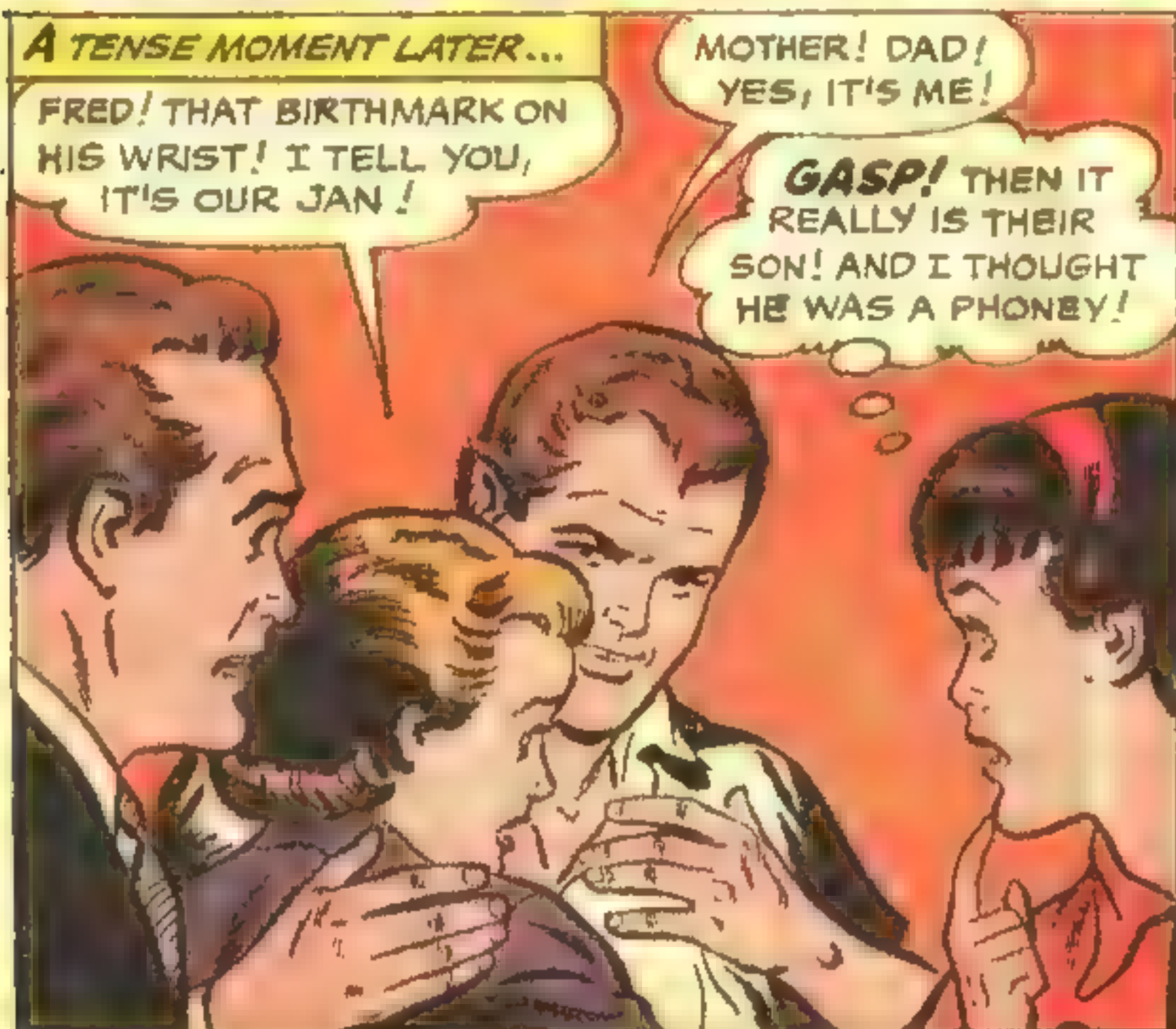
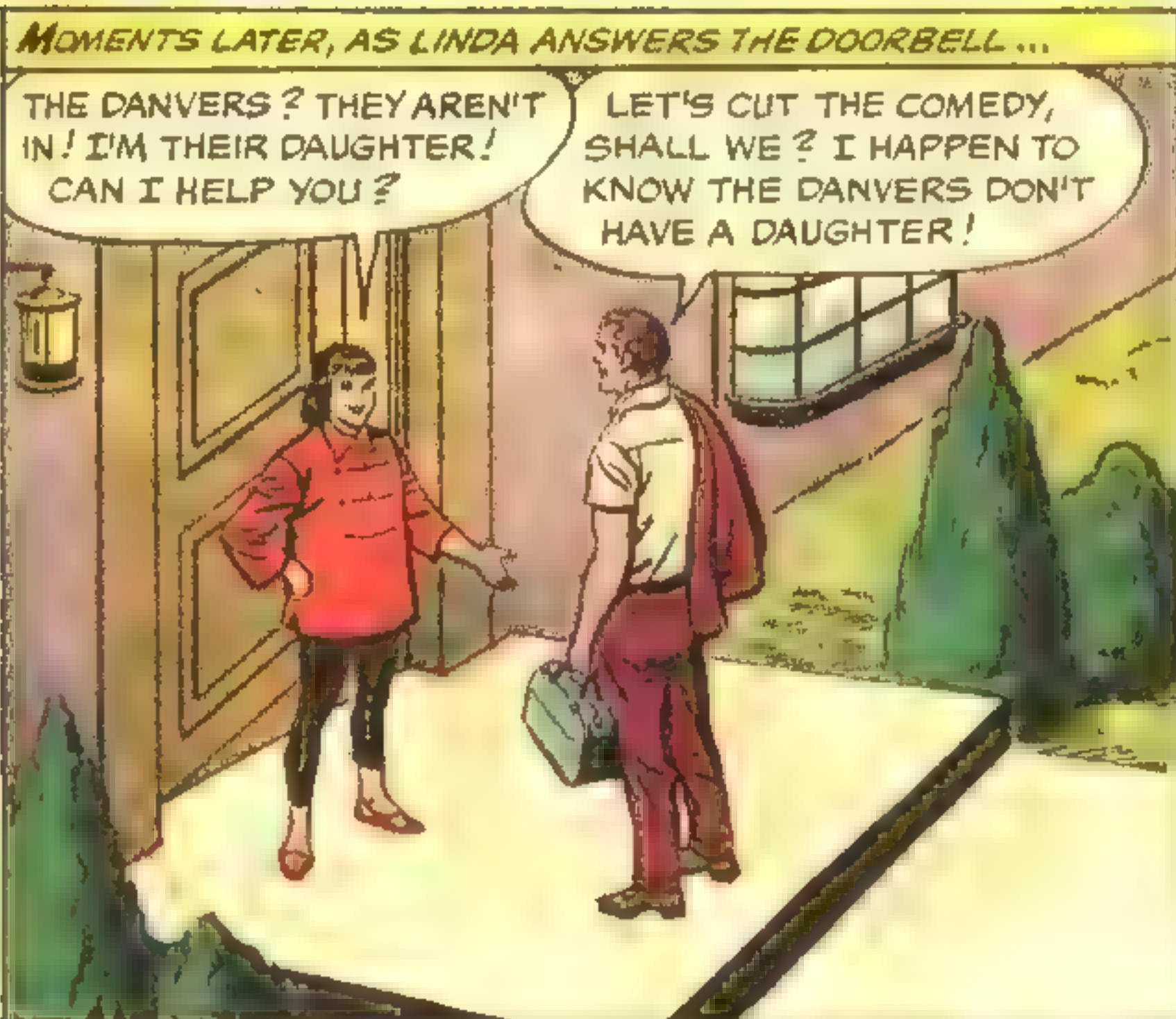
MOTHER AND DAD ARE AWAY VISITING! I'LL CLEAN THE HOUSE AT SUPER-SPEED AND SURPRISE THEM!

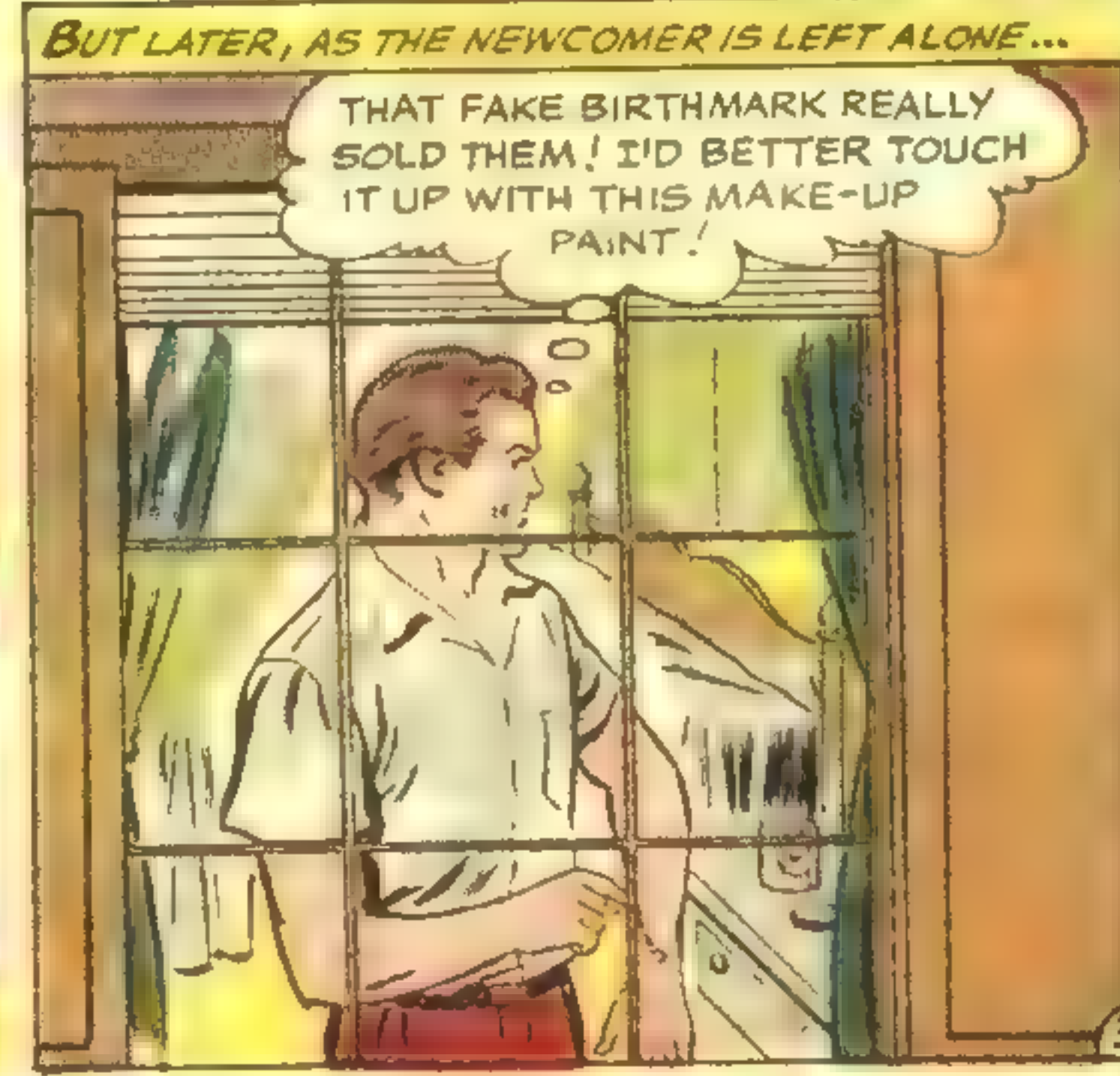
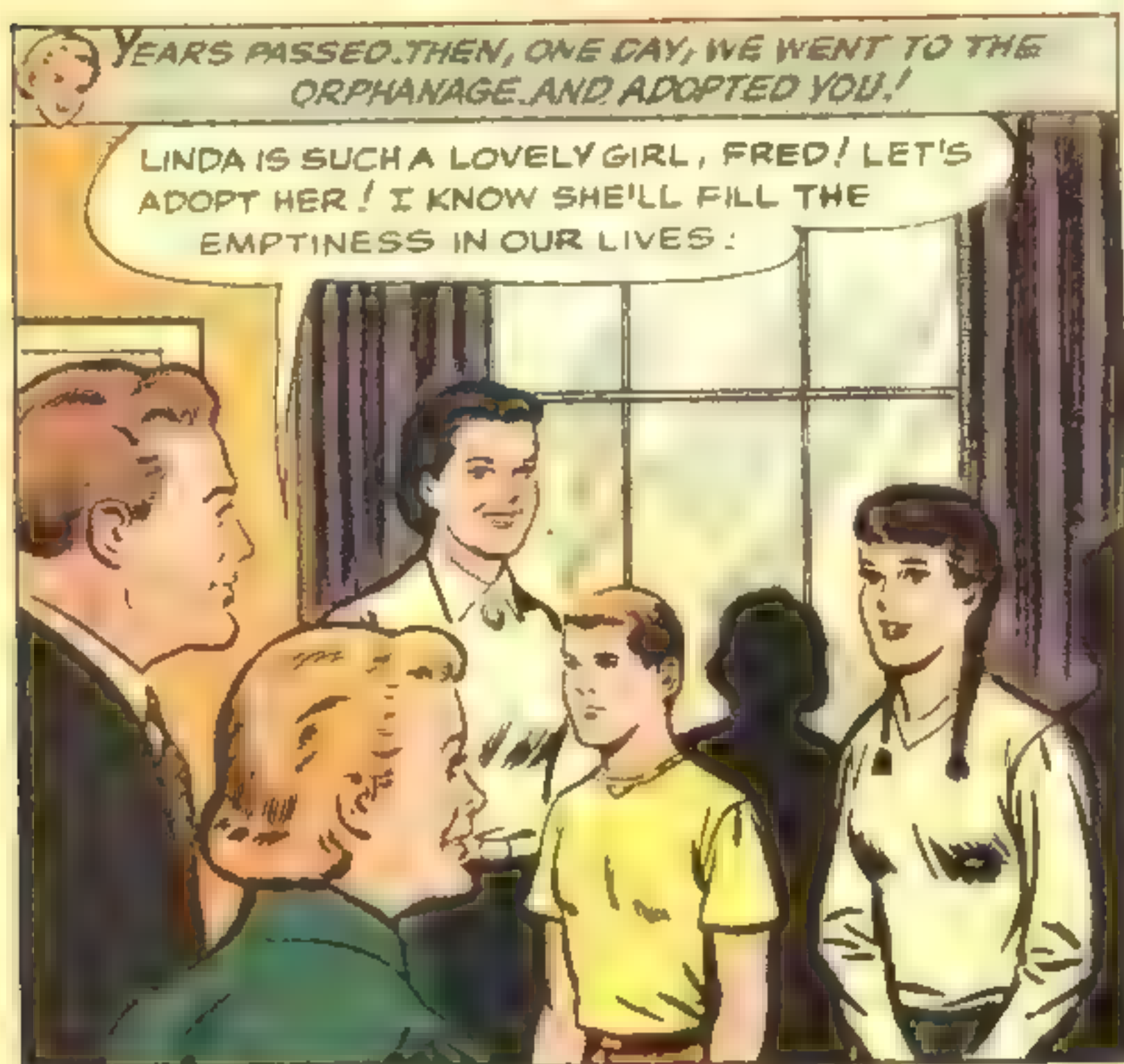
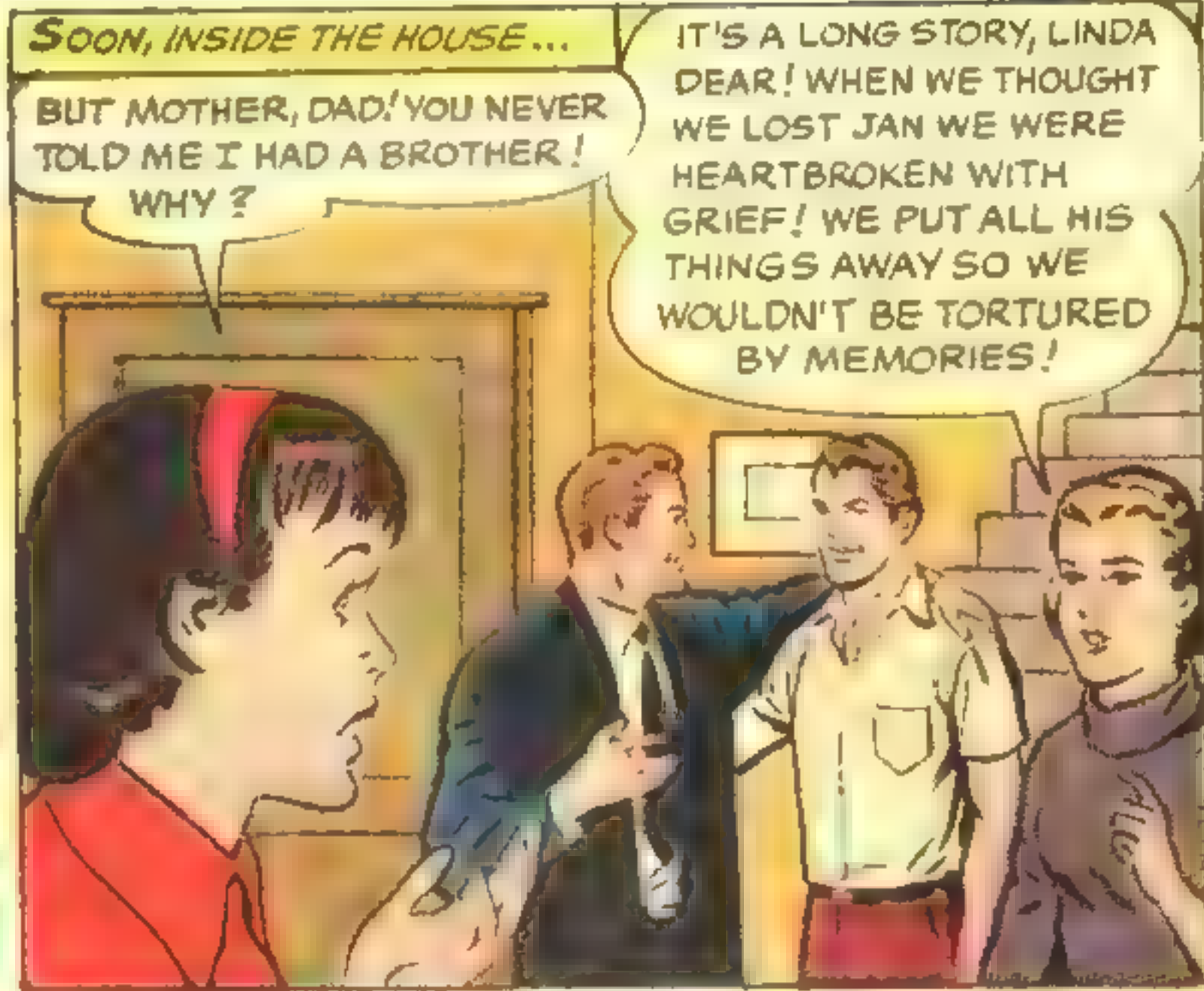
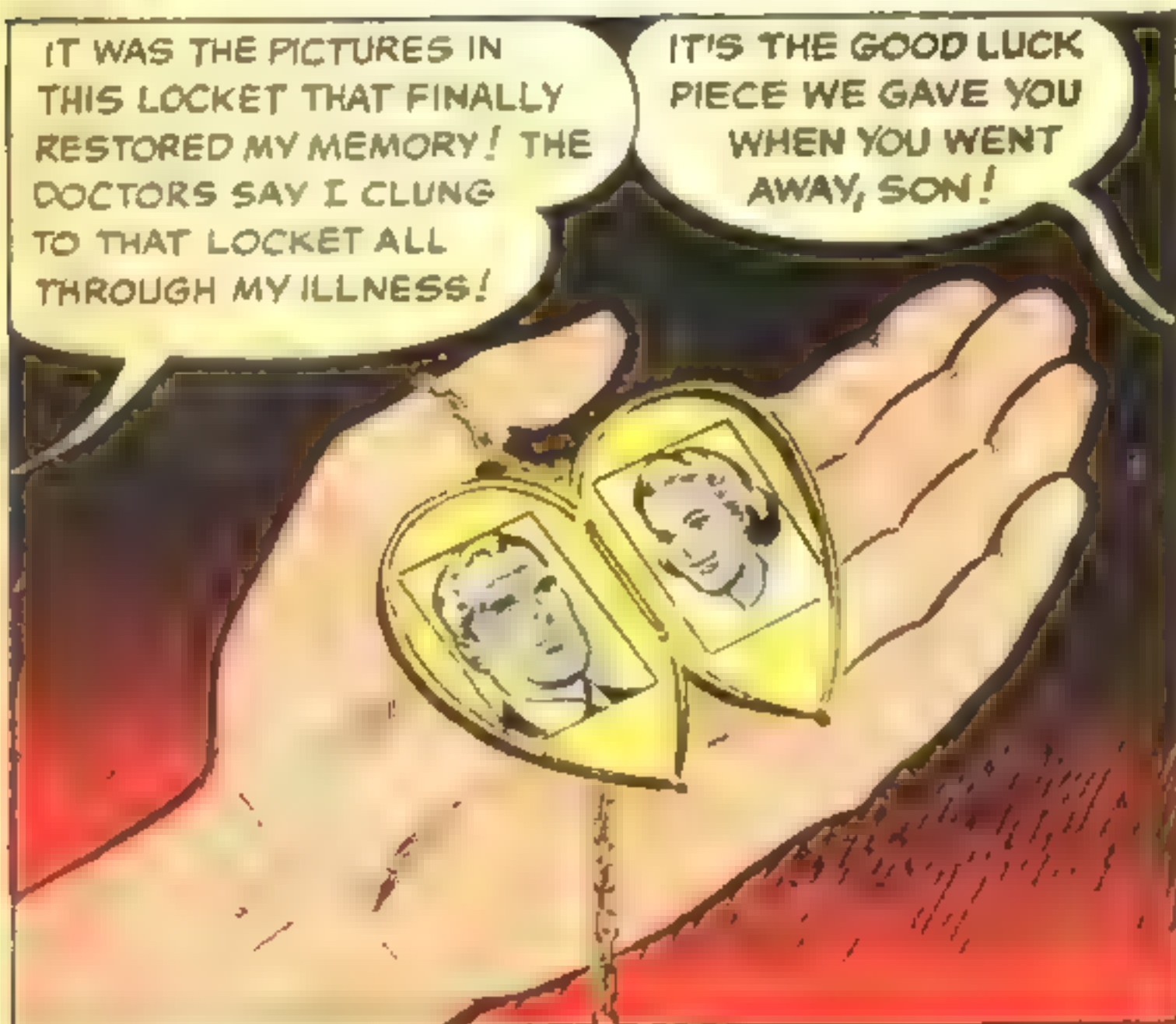


BUT FATE IS ABOUT TO BRING A GREAT CHANGE IN **SUPERGIRL'S** LIFE, FOR AT THAT MOMENT, ACROSS THE STREET...

THAT'S THE RIGHT ADDRESS! THIS IS WHERE I GO INTO MY ACT!



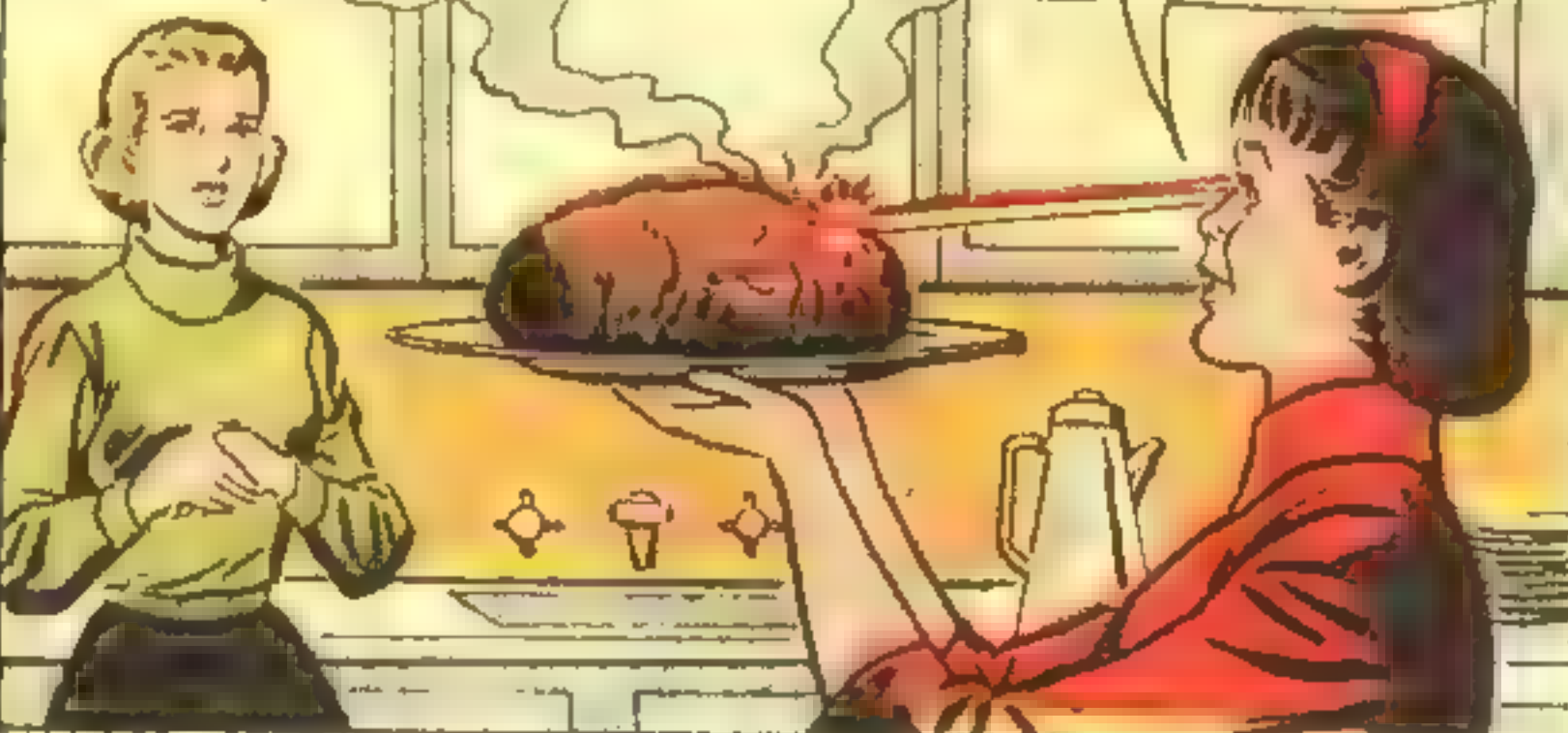




MEANWHILE, IN THE KITCHEN DOWNSTAIRS...

OH, DEAR! I WANTED TO HAVE SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR DINNER! BUT HOW WILL I EVER COOK THAT ROAST IN TIME?

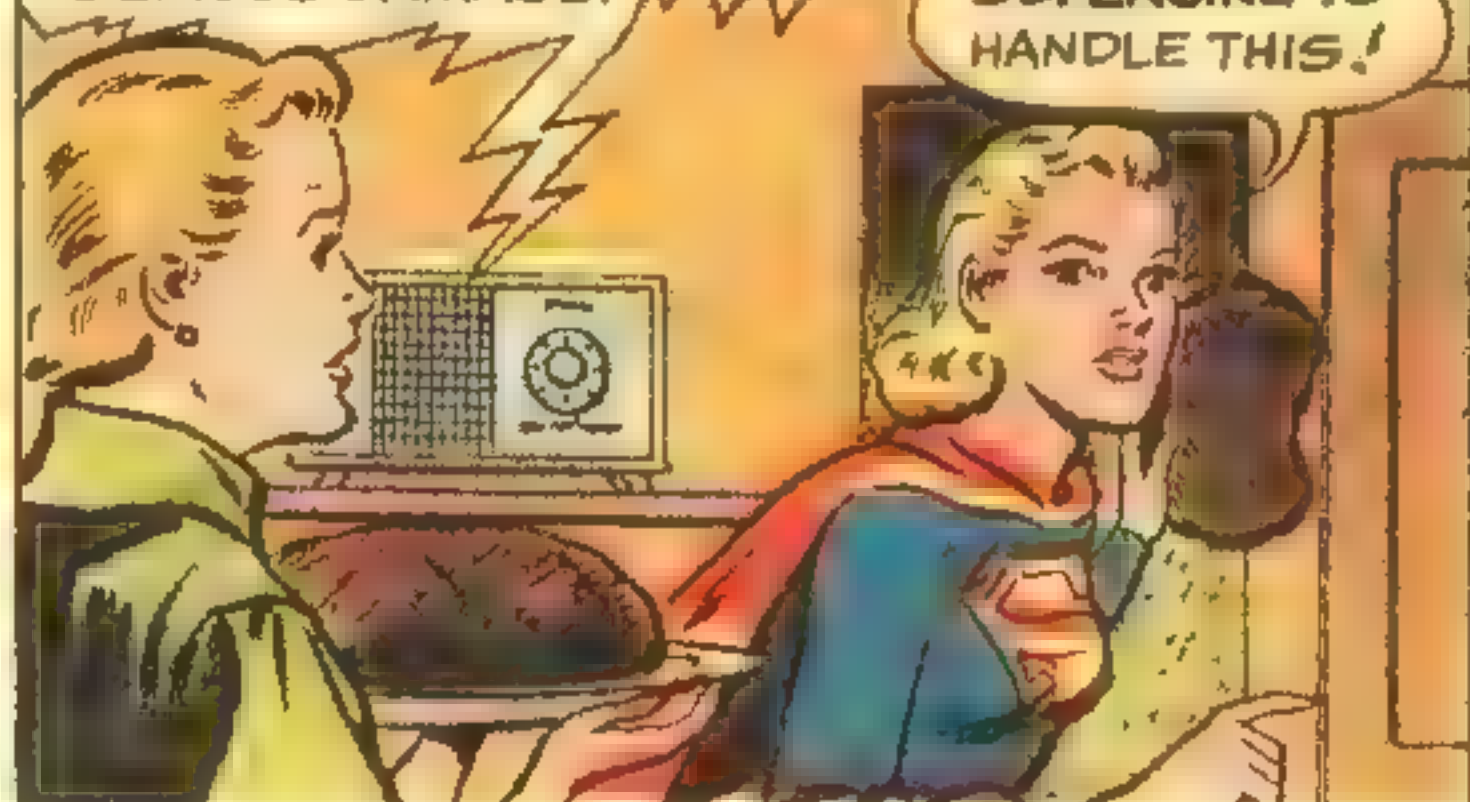
DON'T PANIC, MOTHER! MY HEAT VISION WILL HAVE IT DONE IN A FEW SECONDS! IT'S NOT EVERY DAY A GIRL FINDS A BIG BROTHER!



BUT SUDDENLY, A BULLETIN ON THE RADIO...

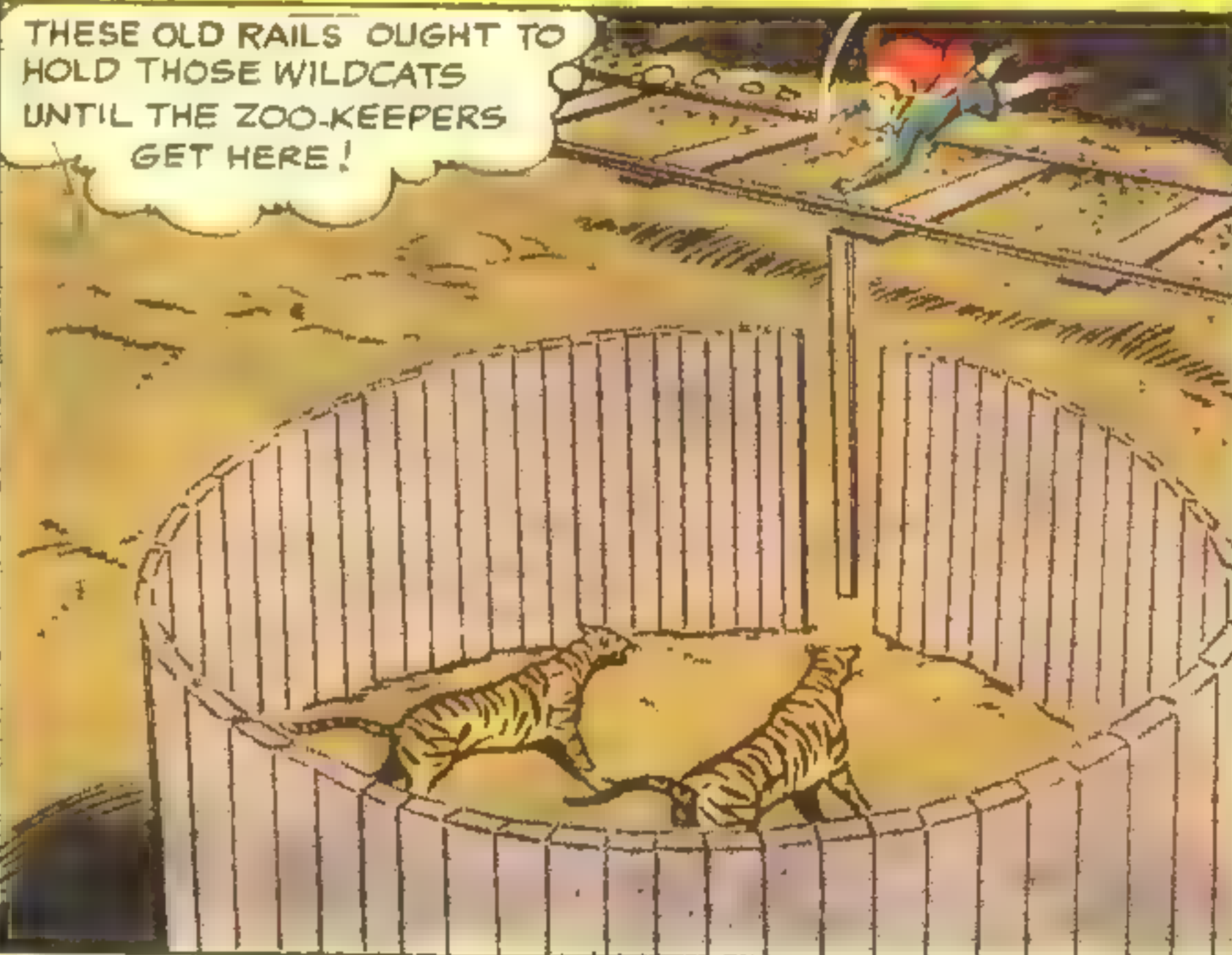
METROPOLIS POLICE CALLING SUPERGIRL! TWO TIGERS HAVE ESCAPED FROM THE METROPOLIS ZOO! PLEASE HELP US CAPTURE THEM BEFORE THEY DO SERIOUS DAMAGE!

OH, OH! SORRY, MOTHER, BUT I'VE GOT TO SWITCH TO SUPERGIRL TO HANDLE THIS!



AT SUPER-SPEED SHE STREAKS TO AN ABANDONED RAILROAD TRACK, AND THEN HASTENS TO THE SCENE OF THE EMERGENCY...

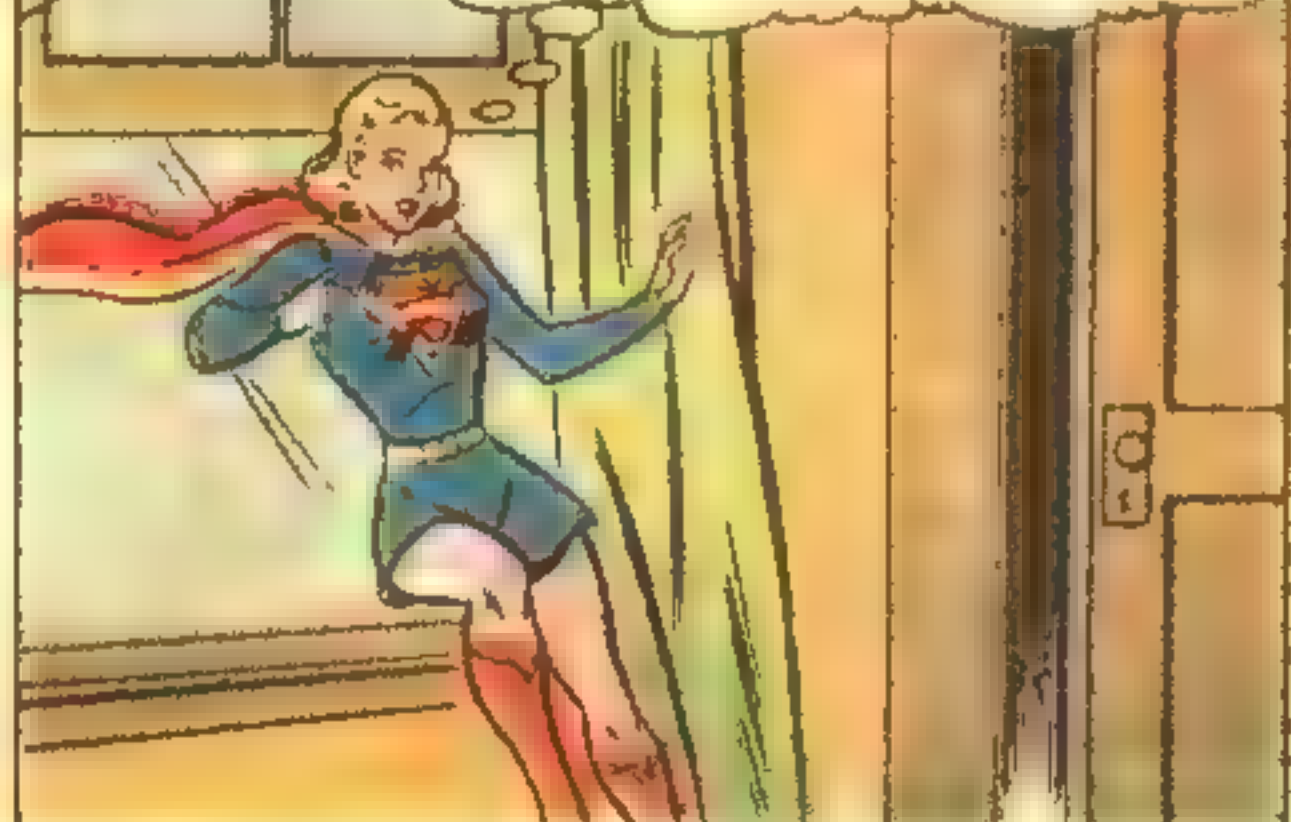
THESE OLD RAILS OUGHT TO HOLD THOSE WILDCATS UNTIL THE ZOO-KEEPERS GET HERE!



BUT AS THE GIRL OF STEEL RETURNS HOME, SHE FAILS TO USE HER SECRET PASSAGEWAY, AND...

OH, LINDA! AREN'T YOU COMING DOWN TO DINNER? WE'RE ALL WAITING FOR YOU!

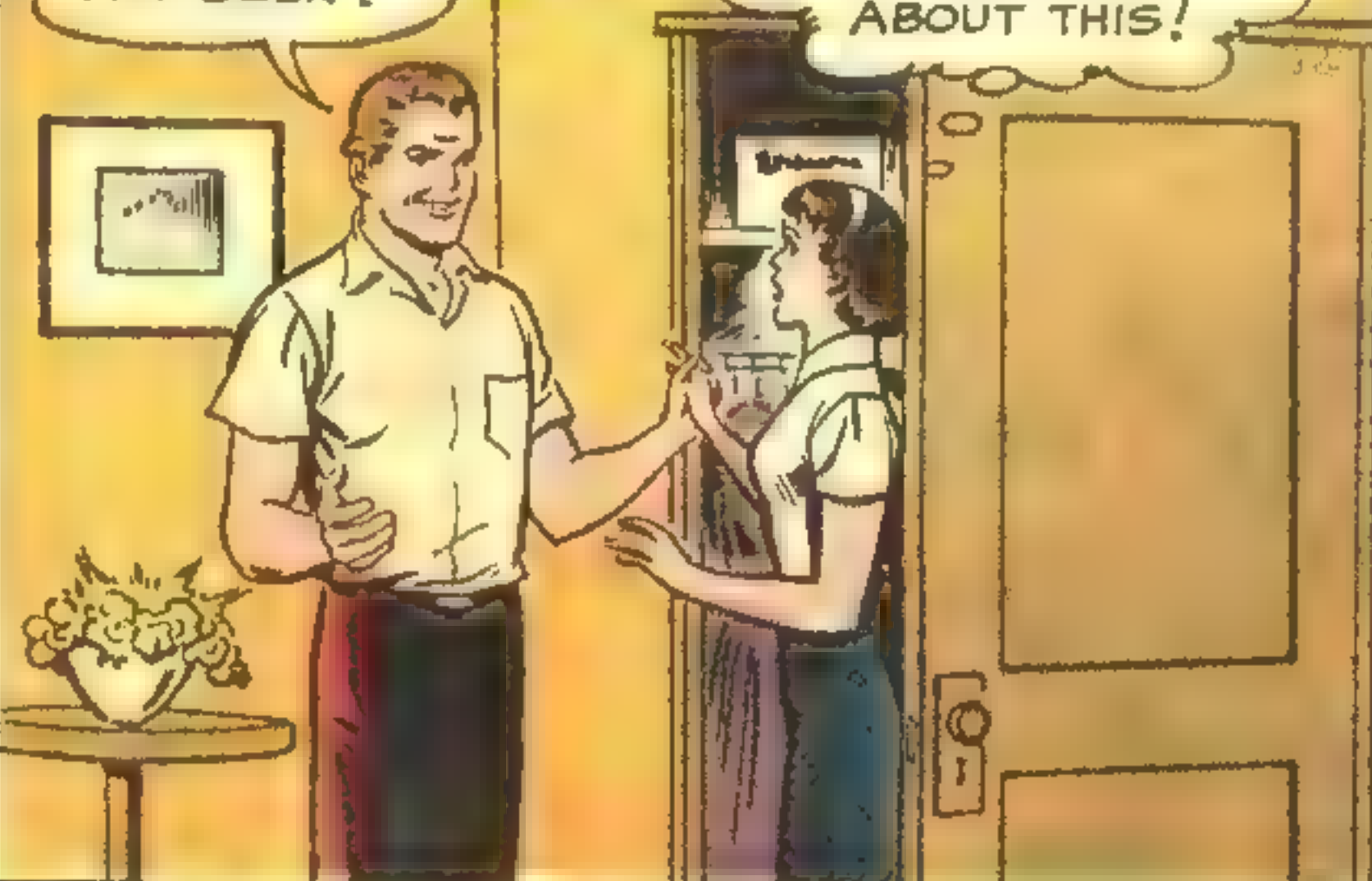
IT'S MY BIG BROTHER, JAN! HE MUSTN'T SEE ME IN MY SUPERGIRL COSTUME! I'LL DUCK INTO THAT CLOSET AND MAKE A LIGHTNING SWITCH!



AN INSTANT LATER

CHUCKLE! IN THE CLOSET, EH? AREN'T YOU A LITTLE TOO OLD TO PLAY HIDE AND SEEK?

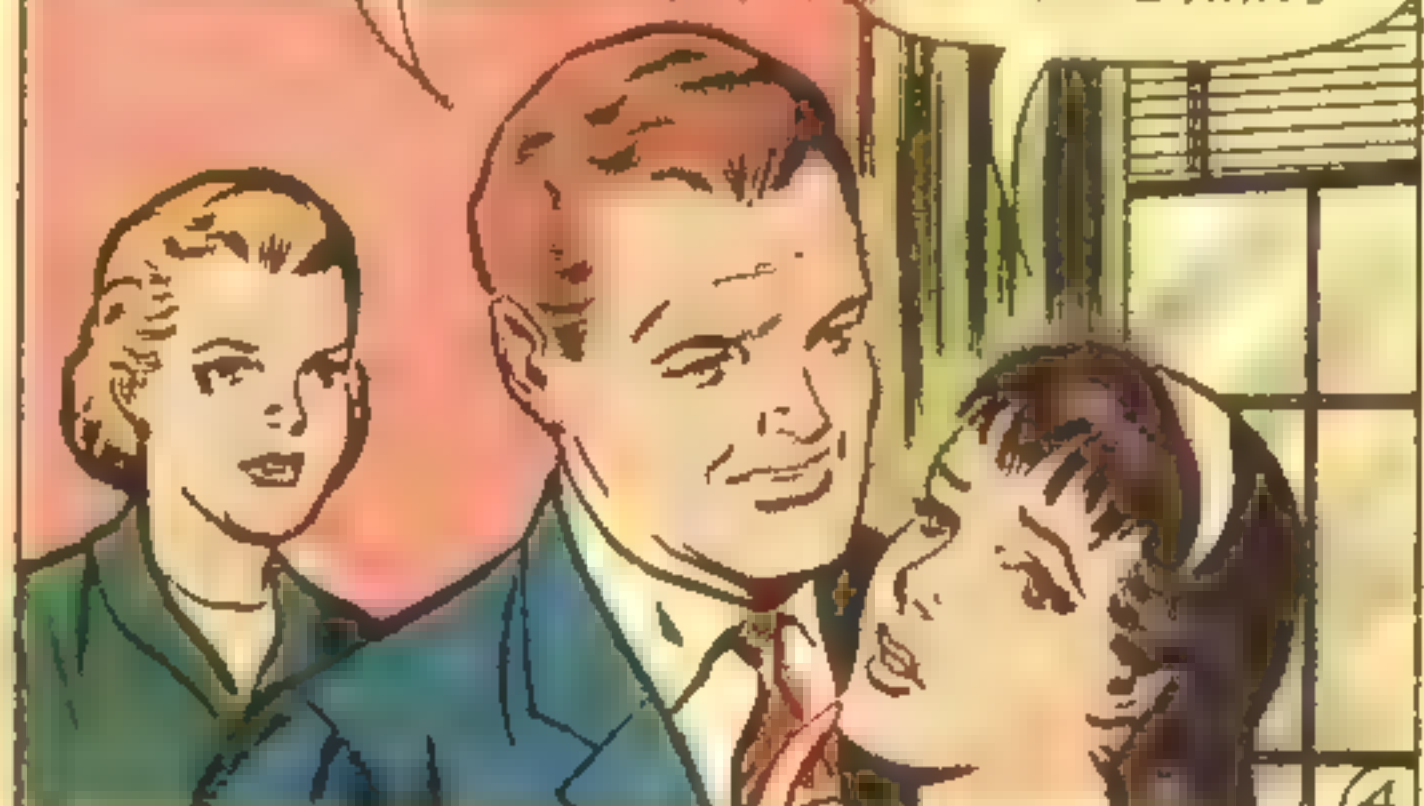
GULP! HE NEARLY DISCOVERED MY SECRET IDENTITY! I THINK I'D BETTER TALK TO MOTHER AND DAD ABOUT THIS!



LATER THAT EVENING, AS LINDA CONFERS WITH HER FOSTER PARENTS...

WHY CERTAINLY YOU CAN TRUST JAN WITH YOUR SECRET IDENTITY! REMEMBER, HE'S OUR SON, AND YOUR BROTHER! HE'D NEVER BETRAY YOU!

YOU'RE RIGHT, DAD! I KNOW I CAN TRUST JAN! I'LL JUST WAIT UNTIL I FIND THE RIGHT TIME TO TELL HIM!



BUT KEEPING THE SECRET IS DIFFICULT! ONE DAY, AS THE DANVERS GO FOR A DRIVE...

GASP! THE CAR'S SKIDDING! SHE'S GOING OUT OF CONTROL!

WE'RE GOING OVER THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF! I'D BETTER MOVE FAST!



AN INSTANT LATER, A COLORFUL FIGURE SEEMINGLY APPEARS OUT OF NOWHERE...

IT'S **SUPERGIRL!** I'VE HEARD ABOUT HER! SHE CAUGHT US JUST AS WE WERE PLUNGING OVER THE EDGE!



DON'T WORRY, FOLKS! I'LL PUT YOU BACK UP ON THE ROAD IN A JIFFY!

PRESENTLY...

DID YOU SEE THAT? SHE SAVED OUR LIVES AND NEVER EVEN WAITED TO BE THANKED!

OF COURSE! SHE'S GOT TO CIRCLE AROUND, SWITCH INTO HER LINDA IDENTITY, AND GET BACK INTO THE REAR SEAT BEFORE JAN NOTICES SHE'S MISSING! **CHUCKLE!**



AS THE CAR STARTS, LINDA IS BACK WITH HER FAMILY...

SIGH! I WISH I COULD MEET **SUPERGIRL** PERSONALLY SOME DAY! SHE'S A LIVING DOLL!

I WONDER WHAT MY BIG BROTHER WOULD SAY IF HE KNEW THAT **SUPERGIRL** WAS HIS OWN SISTER, LINDA! HA, HA!

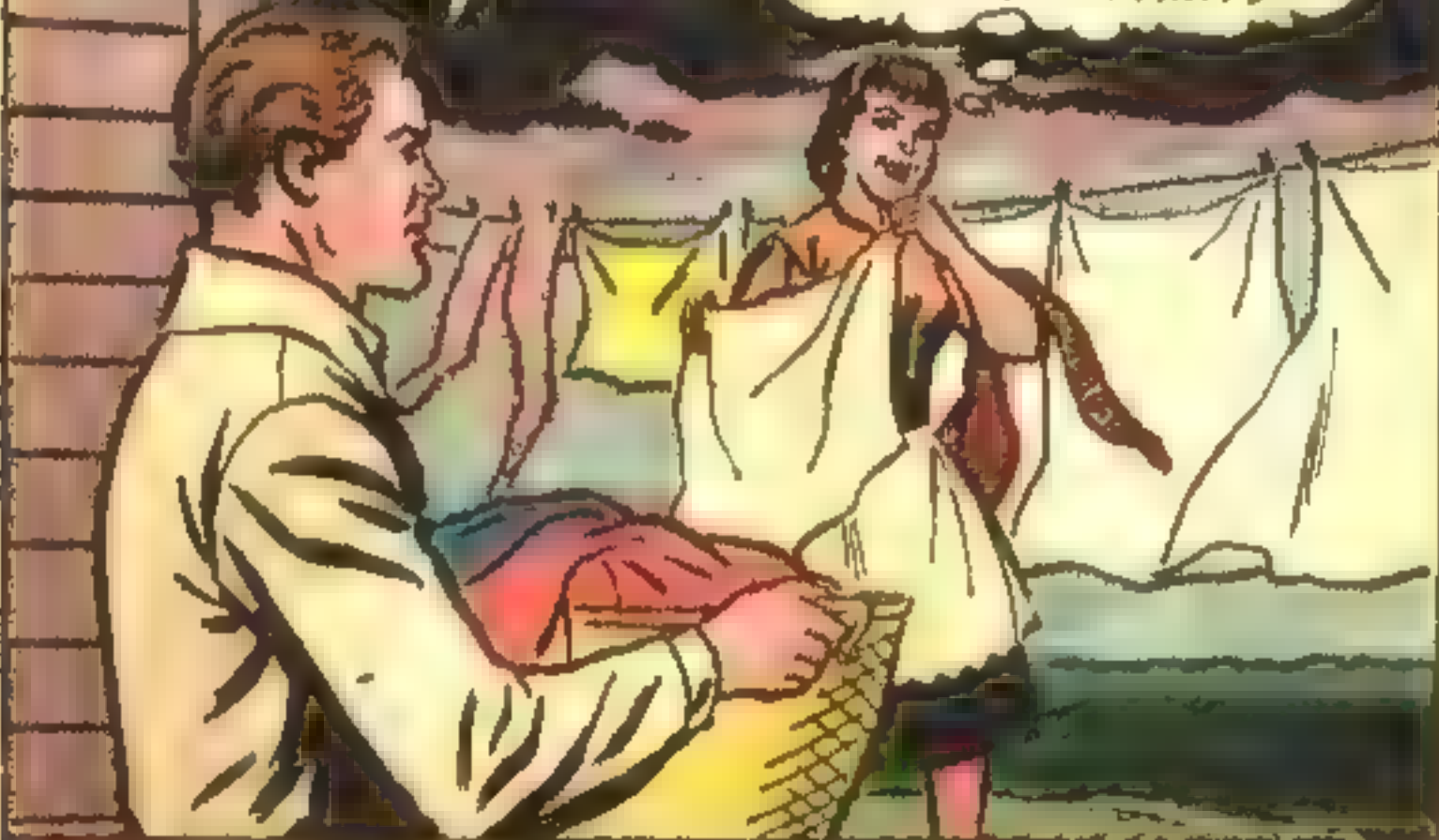


THE NEXT DAY, IN THE BACKYARD OF THE DANVERS' HOME...

ALL RIGHT, SIS, I'LL HELP YOU HANG OUT THIS LAUNDRY... BUT I'M AFRAID THAT STORM WILL HIT BEFORE IT DRIES!

OH, I'M NOT SO SURE ABOUT THAT, JAN!

I THINK I'LL USE MY SUPER-POWERS TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN WITH HIM!



SUDDENLY, AS JAN LEAVES MOMENTARILY...

CHUCKLE! I'LL TURN MYSELF INTO A SUPER-DRYER BY USING MY HEAT VISION AND BLOWING LIGHT PUFFS OF MY SUPER-BREATH ON THAT WET-WASH!



AS JAN RETURNS...

LINDA, HOW COME YOU'RE TAKING DOWN THOSE WET CLOTHES?... **ULP!** THEY'RE **BONE DRY!** WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE? I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

HE WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT IF I TOLD HIM!
CHUCKLE!

THEN, ONE DAY, AS JAN REPAIRS THE FAMILY CAR...

GREAT SCOTT! I KICKED THE JACK LOOSE!

JAN! THE CAR'S GOING TO FALL ON HIM UNLESS...

AT LIGHTNING SPEED, LINDA GRASPS THE BUMPER, AND...

LINDA! YOU'RE HOLDING UP THE CAR AS IF IT WERE A TOY! **GASP!!** BUT ONLY **SUPERGIRL** HAS THAT MUCH STRENGTH!

HA, HA! THAT'S RIGHT, JAN!

SWIFTLY SHE REPLACES THE JACK, AND...

YOU MAY AS WELL KNOW IT NOW, JAN! I AM **SUPERGIRL!** SEE?

SUPERGIRL! MY OWN KID SISTER! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

HOW LUCKY CAN A GUY GET? IT MUST BE GREAT HAVING ALL THOSE POWERS! GOLLY, HOW I WISH I COULD BE SUPER TOO!

PERHAPS SOME DAY YOU WILL, JAN!

I DON'T LIKE THE WAY HE'S PLAYING UP TO ME NOW THAT HE KNOWS I'M **SUPERGIRL!** HE'D PROBABLY MISUSE ANY SUPER-POWERS I COULD GIVE HIM!

THAT AFTERNOON, AT LUNCH...

JAN, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU OUGHT TO KNOW ABOUT! YOUR GRANDFATHER'S WILL! HE MADE YOU THE BENEFICIARY OF A TRUST FUND!

OH, ER...YES! I REMEMBER! IT WAS \$50,000, WASN'T IT?

HM! HIS EYES CERTAINLY LIT UP WHEN DAD MENTIONED THAT MONEY! AND HE KNEW EXACTLY HOW MUCH THERE WAS, TOO!

ER.. THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY! I REALLY DON'T NEED IT, DAD! I THINK YOU SHOULD INVEST IT IN YOUR ENGINEERING BUSINESS FOR ME!

A WISE IDEA, SON!

HMM! IT LOOKS LIKE I MISUNDERSTOOD JAN! I THINK MY BIG BROTHER **IS** READY TO USE SUPER-POWERS, AFTER ALL!

AFTERWARD, IN LINDA'S BASEMENT LABORATORY!

JAN, THIS EXPERIMENTAL PILL I JUST MADE WILL GIVE YOU SUPER-POWERS! NORMALLY I SHOULD CONSULT SUPERMAN ABOUT THIS, BUT THE EFFECTS OF THE PILL WILL LAST FOR ONLY AN HOUR!

THANKS, SIS! TO BE SUPER FOR EVEN AN **HOUR** WOULD BE AN EXPERIENCE I'LL NEVER FORGET!

PRESENTLY, AFTER SWALLOWING THE PILL...

WOW!

I CAN **FLY!** AND WITH MY SUPER-STRENGTH I CAN BALANCE THIS HEAVY TRUNK ON ONE FINGER!

FOLLOW ME OUT THROUGH MY SECRET EXIT, JAN! I WANT TO TEACH YOU HOW TO USE THE REST OF YOUR SUPER-POWERS PROPERLY!

AT SUPER-SPEED THEY FLY TO A REMOTE AREA ABOVE SCREENING CLOUDS, WHERE...

SLOW DOWN, JAN! THE FRICTION OF YOUR SPEED IS SETTING FIRE TO YOUR CLOTHES! THEY'RE NOT INDESTRUCTIBLE LIKE MY COSTUME!

HA! HA! I'M INVULNERABLE! THOSE FLAMES DON'T EVEN TICKLE, BUT I'LL PUFF THEM OUT WITH MY SUPER-BREATH! **PFFFF!**

SUDDENLY, AN EMERGENCY...

SORRY I HAVE TO INTERRUPT YOUR FLYING LESSON, JAN, BUT I MUST GET AFTER THAT JET THIS BORDER PATROL HELICOPTER IS FIRING AT! I THINK IT'S THE DIAMOND SMUGGLERS THEY'VE BEEN AFTER!

THAT SUPER-PILL WILL WORK FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER HALF HOUR! I'M COMING WITH YOU!

ALL RIGHT, JAN! BUT STAY IN THE BACKGROUND, SO YOU WON'T BE SEEN

HE'S SO COURAGEOUS!! I'M GLAD I GAVE HIM SUPER-POWERS! **GULP!** WHAT A THRILL TO HAVE MY OWN BIG BROTHER ACCOMPANYING ME ON A VITAL MISSION!

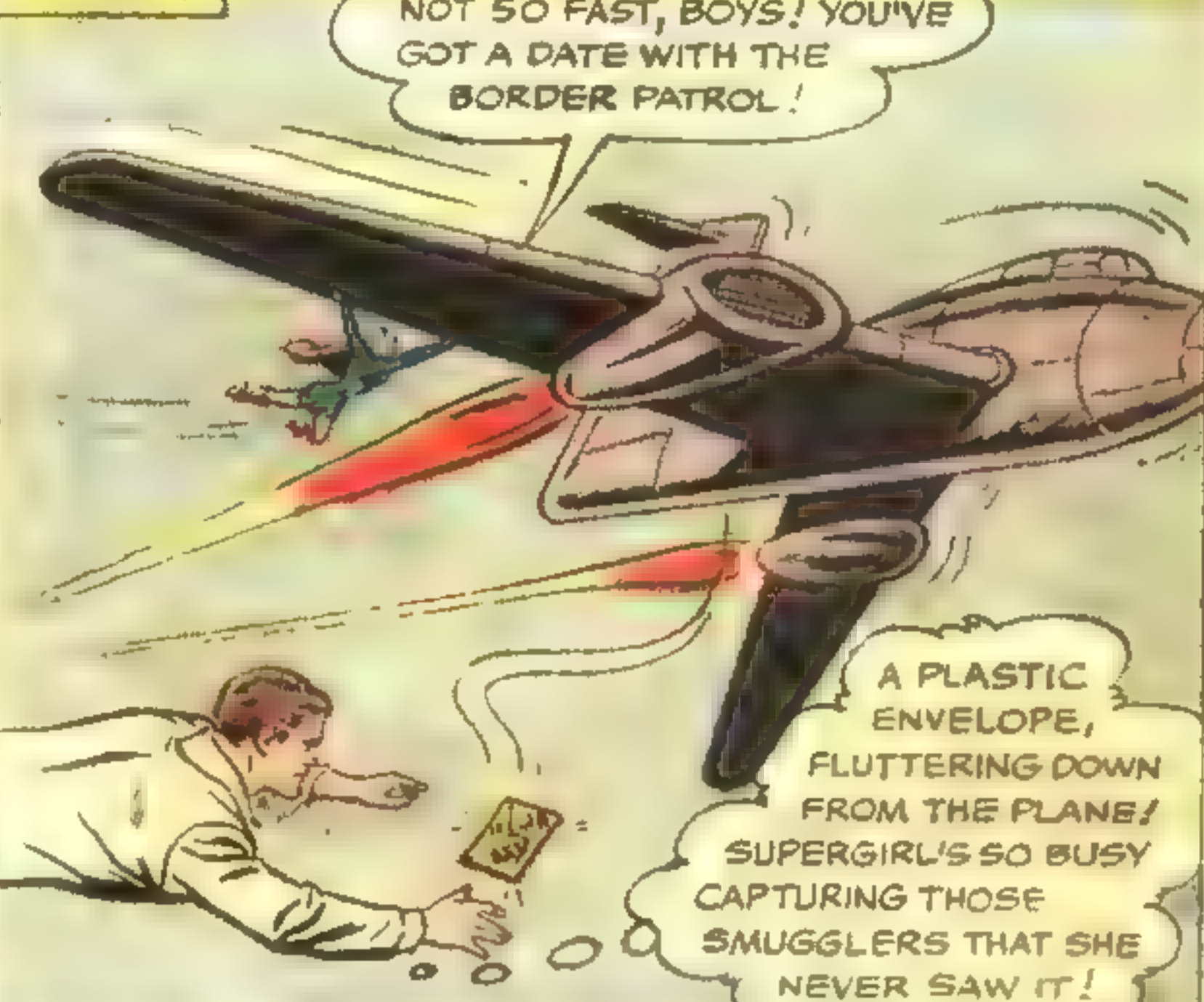
MOMENTS AFTERWARD, ABOARD THE SMUGGLERS' PLANE...



IT'S SUPERGIRL! SHE'S AFTER US! WE'RE SUNK IF SHE CATCHES US WITH THOSE SMUGGLED DIAMONDS!

WE'D BETTER DITCH THESE JEWELS OR IT'S TEN YEARS IN THE PEN!

SECONDS LATER, AS SUPERGIRL SEIZES THE FUGITIVE PLANE...



NOT SO FAST, BOYS! YOU'VE GOT A DATE WITH THE BORDER PATROL!

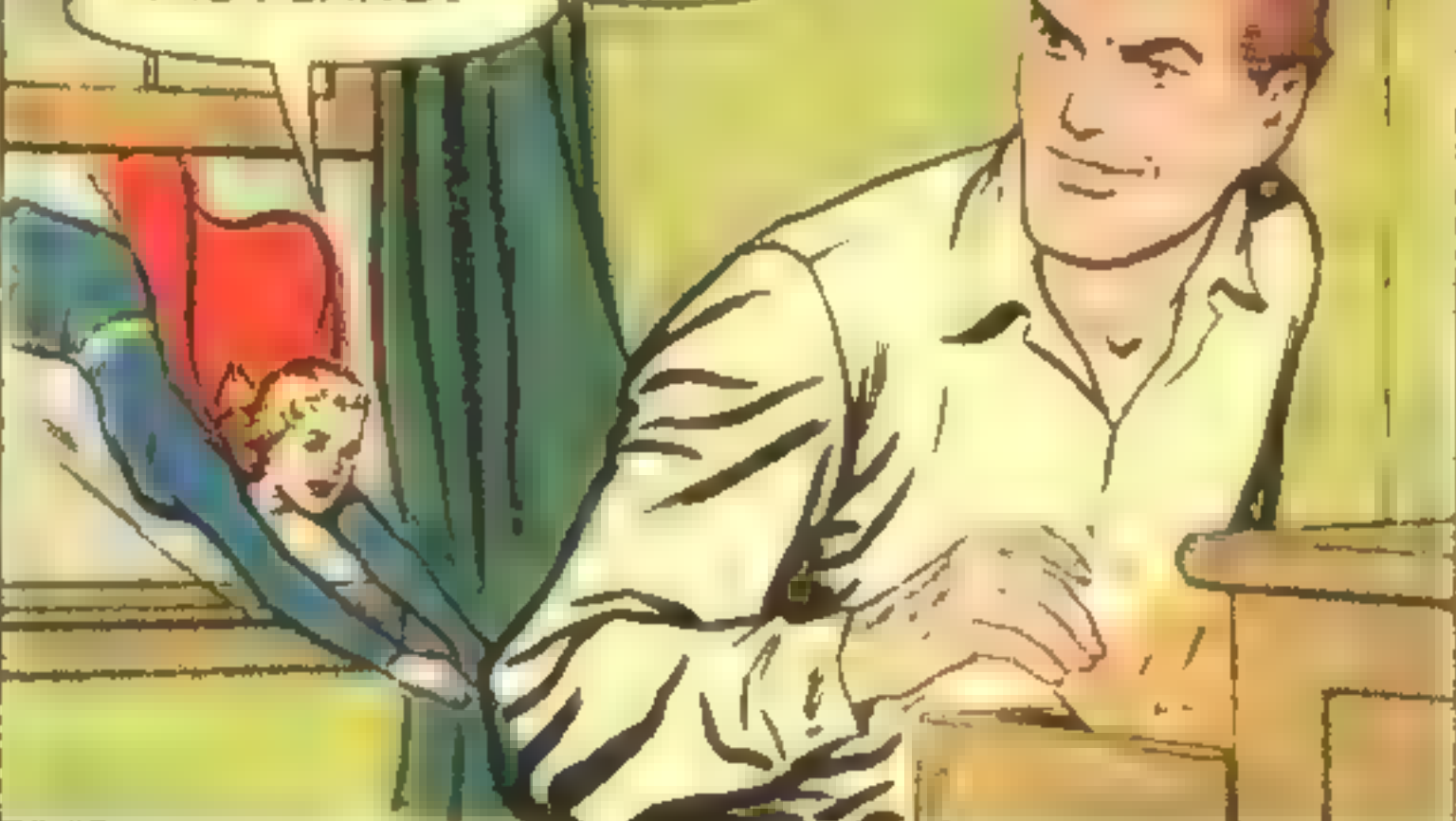
A PLASTIC ENVELOPE, FLUTTERING DOWN FROM THE PLANE! SUPERGIRL'S SO BUSY CAPTURING THOSE SMUGGLERS THAT SHE NEVER SAW IT!

THE SMUGGLED DIAMONDS! THIS IS JUST THE BREAK I'M LOOKING FOR! **CHUCKLE!** I'LL CUT AWAY FROM HERE BEFORE SUPERGIRL REALIZES I'M GONE!



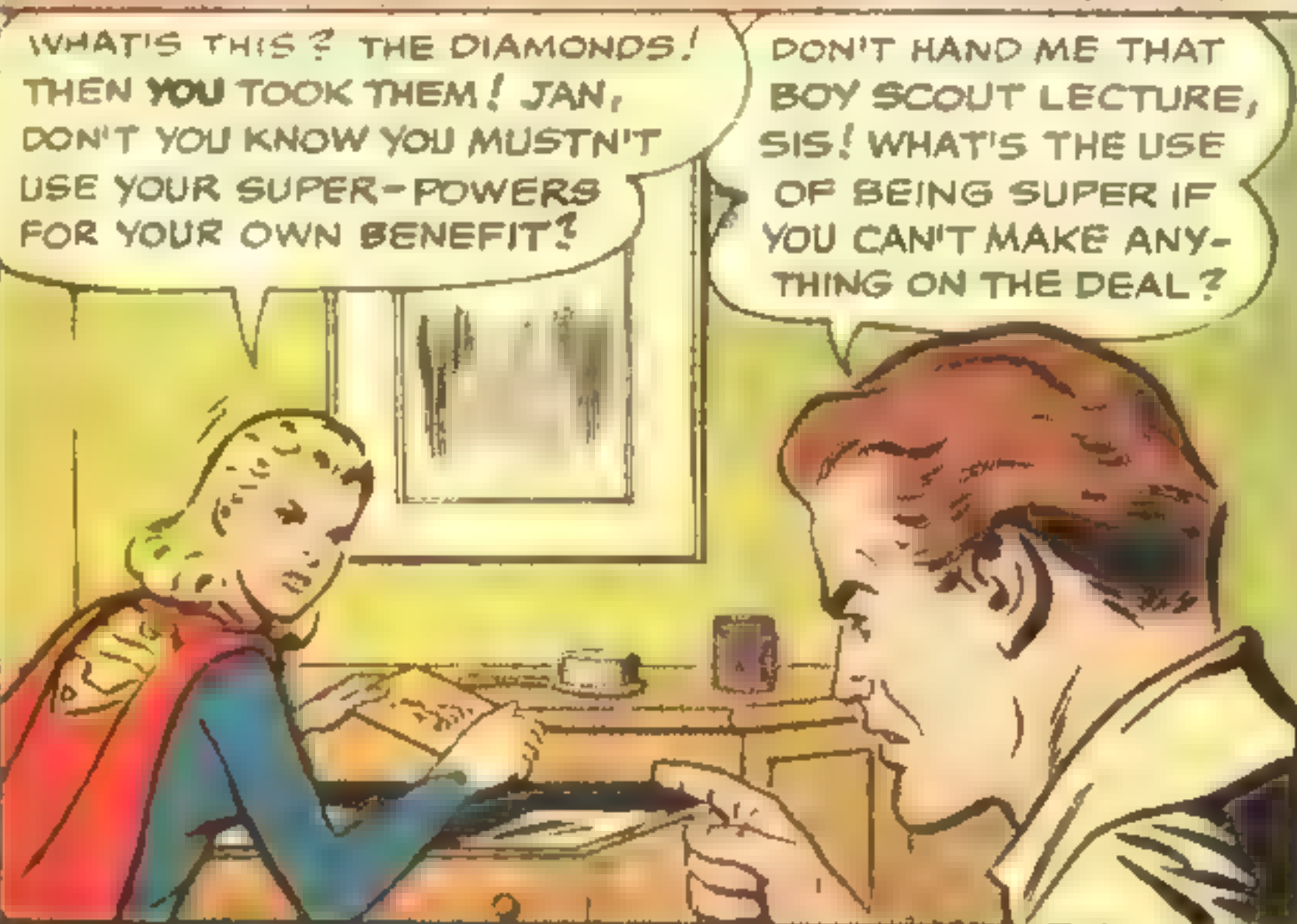
SOON, AT THE DANVERS' HOME...

JAN, I'M SO GLAD YOU GOT BACK SAFELY BEFORE YOUR SUPER-POWERS GAVE OUT! ...THEY'RE HOLDING THOSE SMUGGLERS ON SUSPICION! IT SEEMS THE AUTHORITIES COULDN'T FIND THE SMUGGLED DIAMONDS ON THE PLANE!



TCH! TCH! WHAT A SHAME!

BUT SUPERGIRL HAS SPOTTED JAN'S FURTIVE ACT, AND...



WHAT'S THIS? THE DIAMONDS! THEN YOU TOOK THEM! JAN, DON'T YOU KNOW YOU MUSTN'T USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT?

DON'T HAND ME THAT BOY SCOUT LECTURE, SIS! WHAT'S THE USE OF BEING SUPER IF YOU CAN'T MAKE ANYTHING ON THE DEAL?

YOU'VE BEEN HELPING EVERYONE ELSE FOR YEARS! NOW HOW ABOUT HELPING A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY? NO ONE WOULD KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE DIAMONDS!

HIS ARM! THE SLEEVE WAS BURNED AWAY... BUT I CAN'T SEE THE CRESCENT BIRTH-MARK JAN HAD! HOW COULD IT VANISH UNLESS... UNLESS IT WAS A FAKE AND WAS BURNED AWAY TOO, BY THE FRICTION!



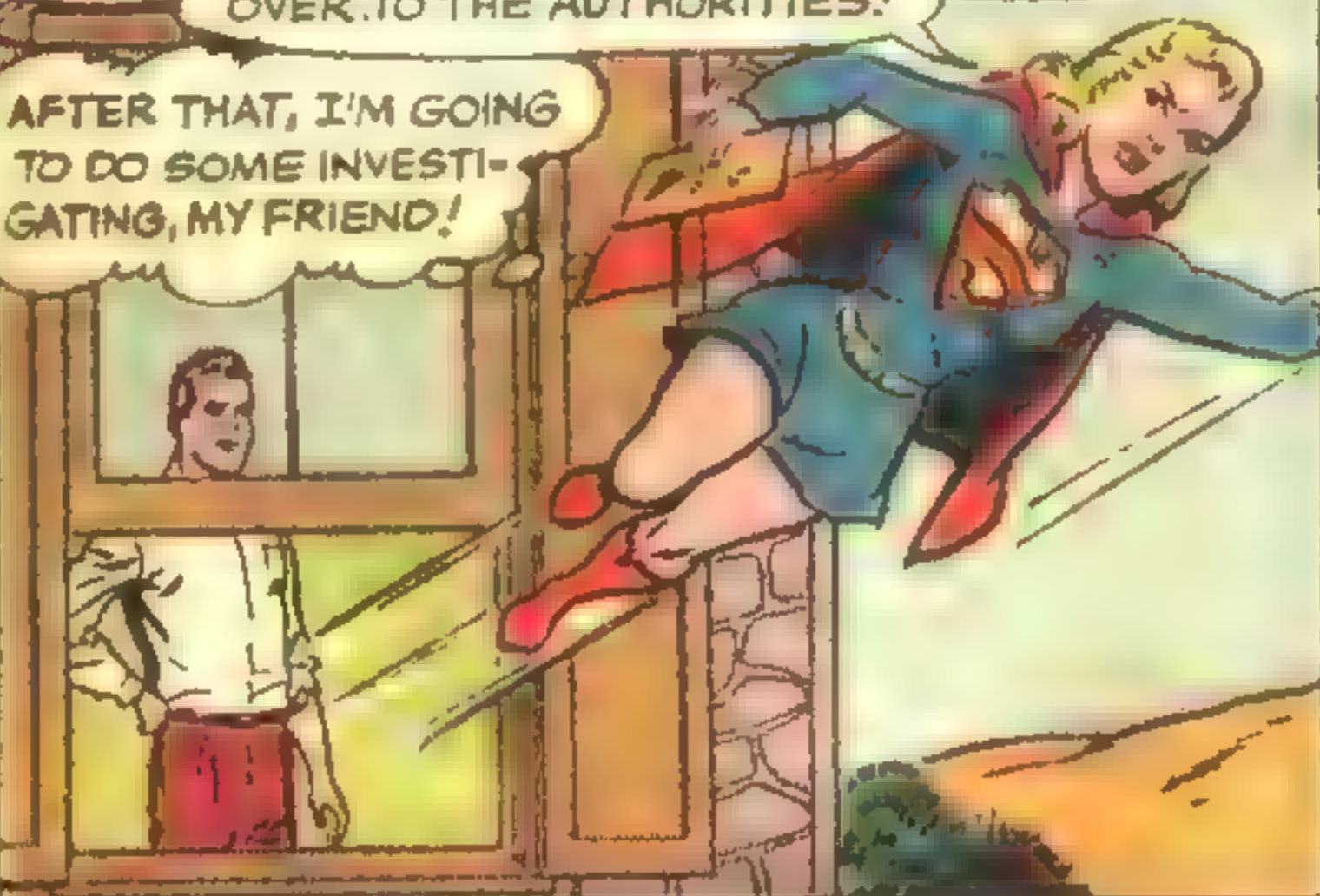


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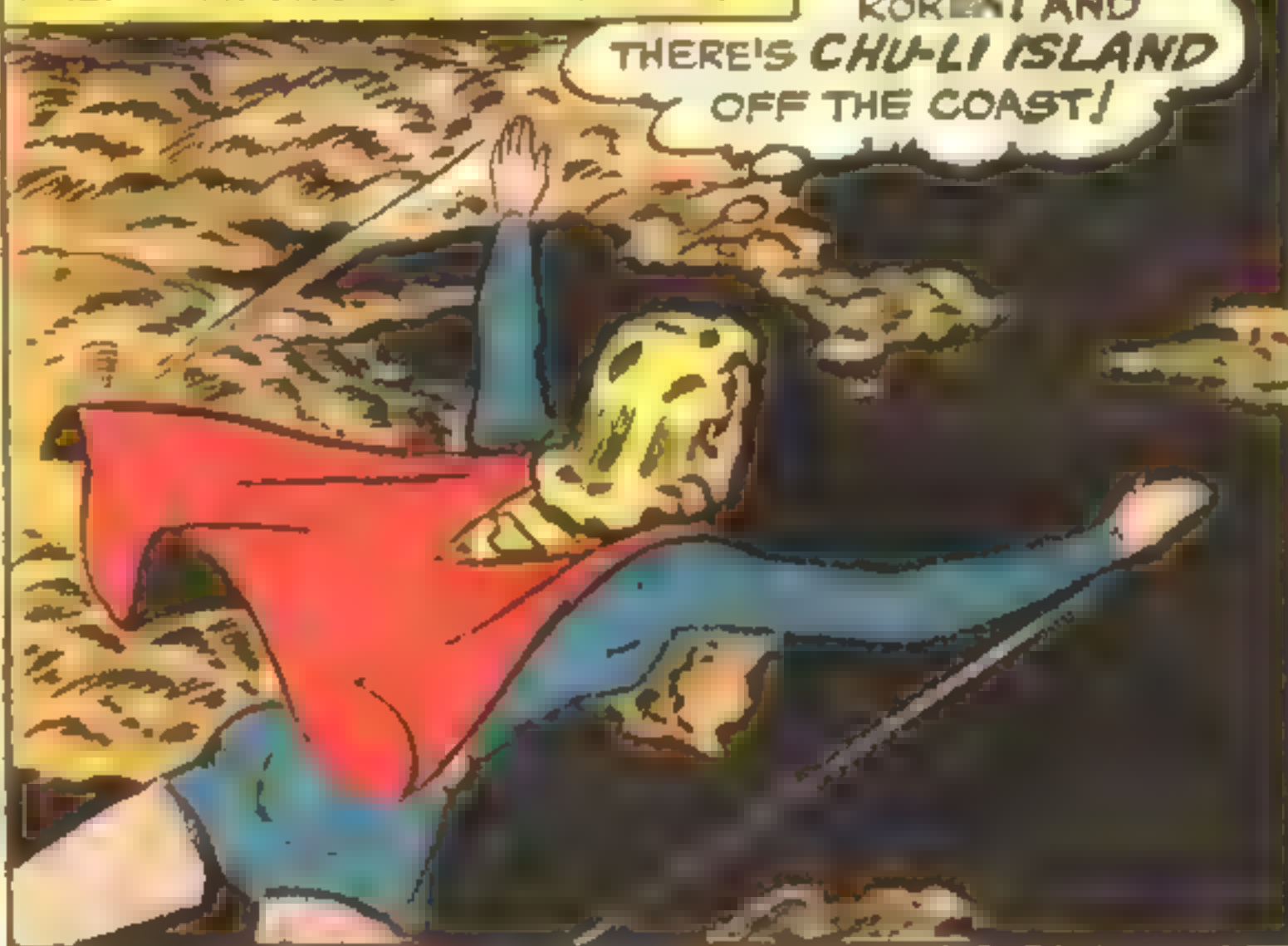
I'M SORRY I GAVE YOU SUPER-POWERS, JAN! I NEVER THOUGHT MY OWN BROTHER WOULD BE SO GREEDY! I'M GOING TO TURN THESE DIAMONDS OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES!

AFTER THAT, I'M GOING TO DO SOME INVESTIGATING, MY FRIEND!



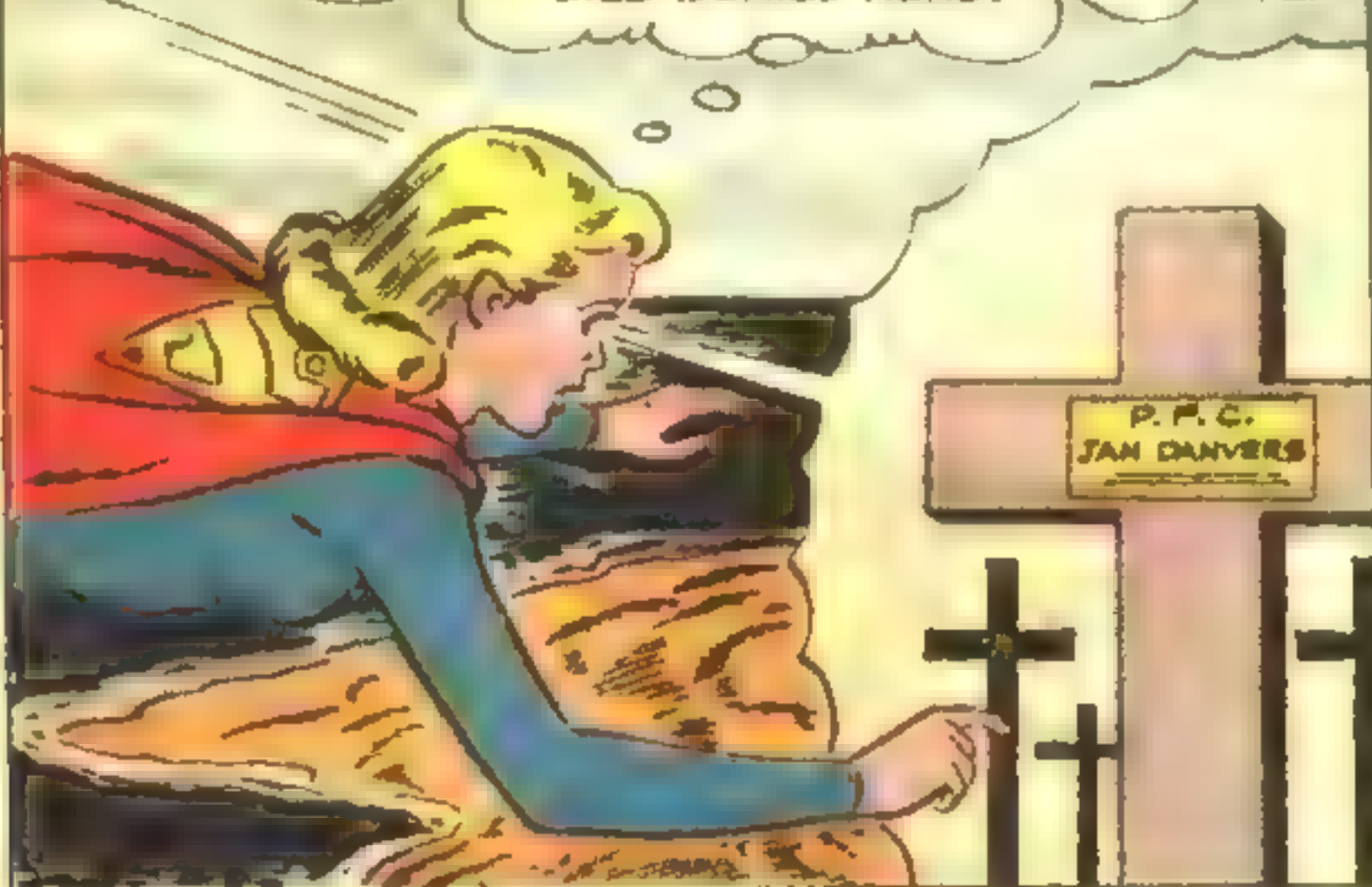
AFTER DELIVERING THE DIAMONDS, SUPERGIRL RACES HALF-WAY ROUND THE WORLD...

KOREA! AND THERE'S CHU-LI ISLAND OFF THE COAST!



WITH TELESCOPIC VISION SHE SEARCHES OUT A GRIM HEADSTONE...

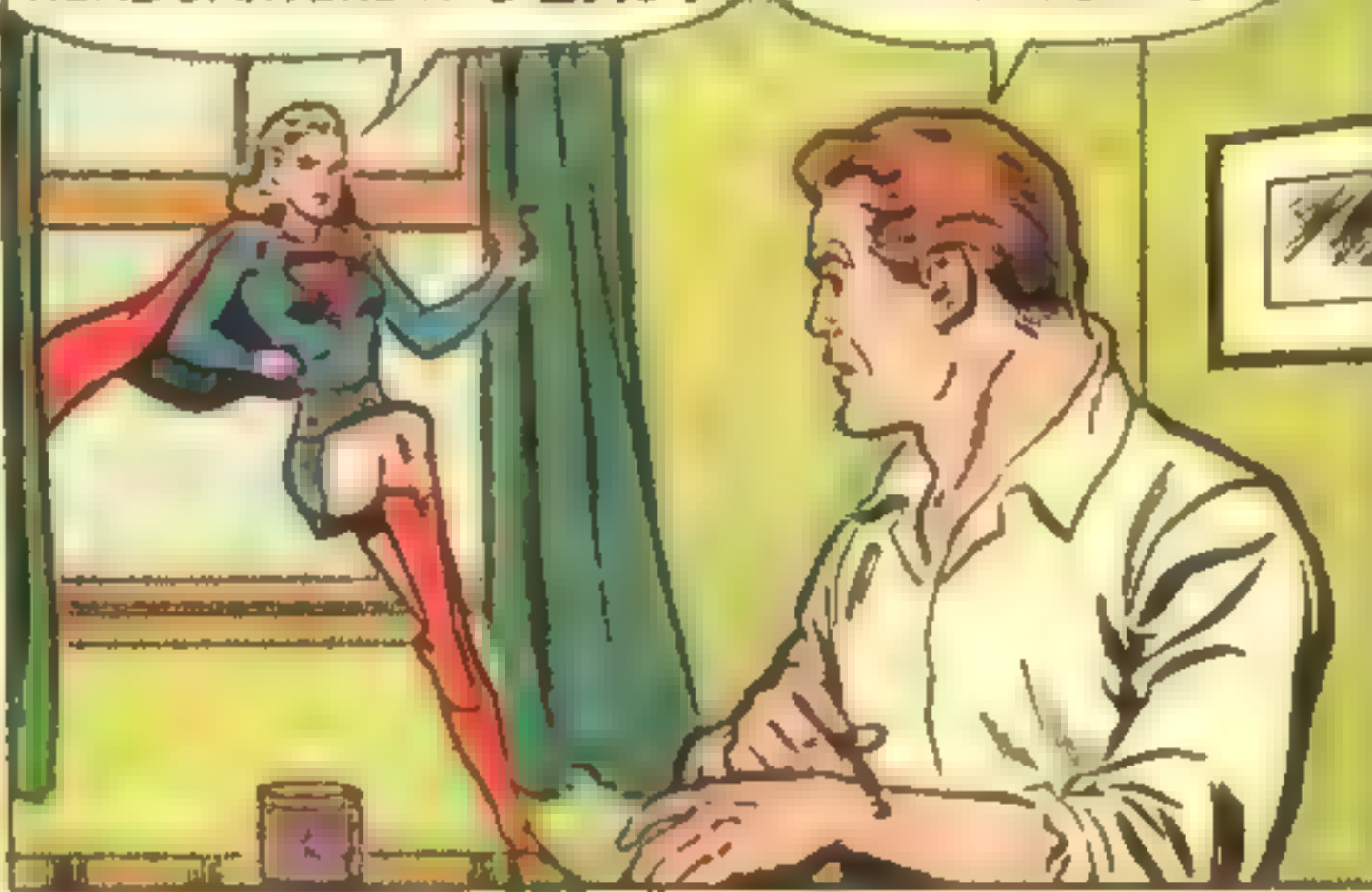
CHOKES! JUST AS I SUSPECTED! THE ARMY REPORT WAS CORRECT! GULP! THE REAL JAN DANVERS, MY FOSTER BROTHER, LIES BURIED HERE!



AT LIGHTNING SPEED SHE RETURNS TO THE DANVERS' HOME, JUST IN TIME...

DON'T BOTHER PAINTING ON THAT FAKE BIRTHMARK AGAIN, YOU PHONEY! I'VE JUST DISCOVERED THAT THE REAL DANVERS IS DEAD!

OKAY! SO YOU FOUND ME OUT! NOW YOU MIGHT AS WELL KNOW THE REST OF IT! MY NAME IS BIFF RIGGER!



I MET THE REAL JAN DANVERS AS HE LAY DYING IN AN ARMY HOSPITAL! WE LOOKED AMAZINGLY ALIKE, SO WE BECAME FRIENDS! HE TOLD ME HIS FAMILY LIFE...

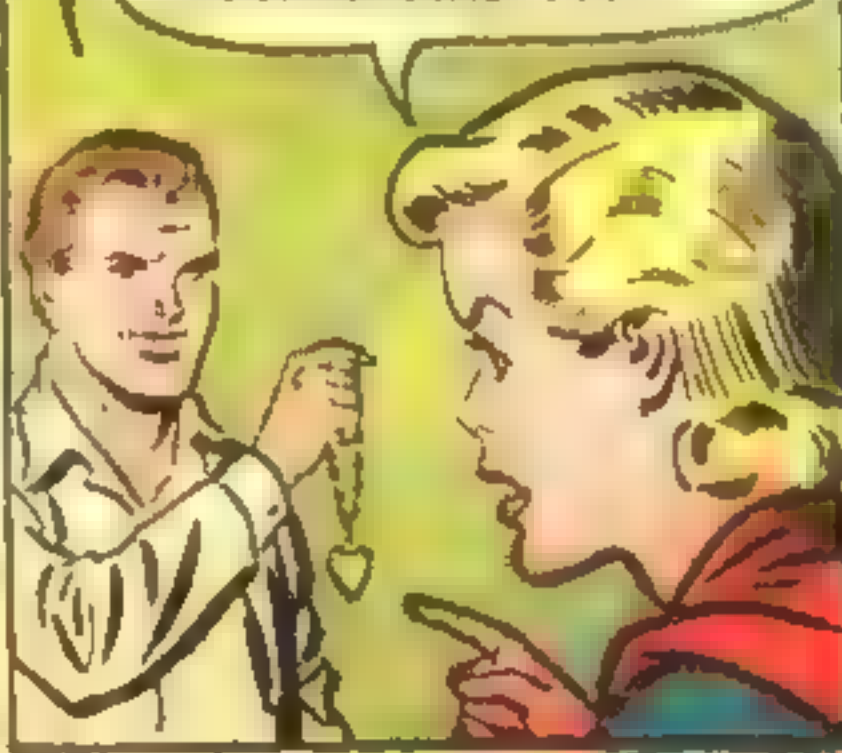
THERE'S MY FOLKS' PICTURE IN THIS LOCKET... I'M GOING INTO DAD'S ENGINEERING BUSINESS WITH THE \$50,000 MY GRANDFATHER LEFT ME!

SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT FAMILY!



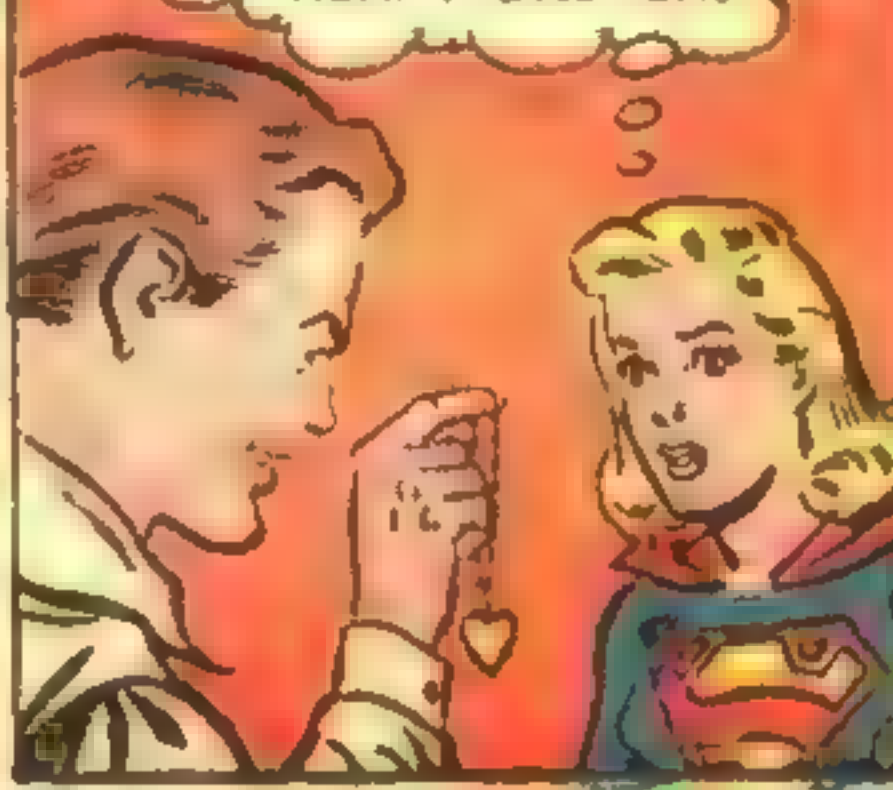
SINCE WE LOOKED ALIKE I TOOK THE LOCKET AFTER HE DIED! I DECIDED TO MAKE A PLAY FOR THAT FIFTY GRAND INHERITANCE SOME DAY! BUT THAT'S PEANUTS COMPARED TO WHAT YOUR SUPER-POWERS CAN GET ME!

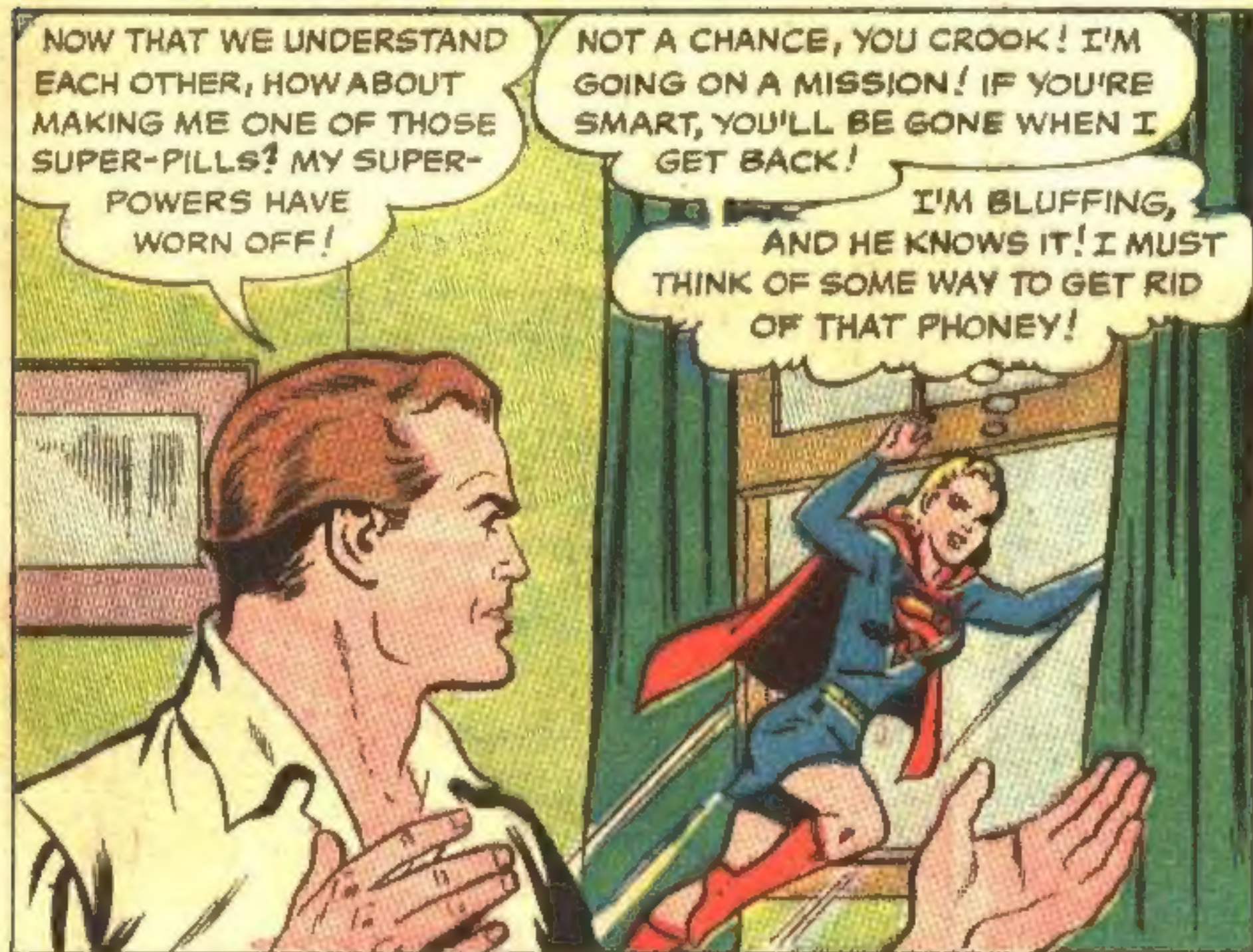
I NEVER HEARD ANY THING SO CRUEL AND VICIOUS IN MY LIFE! WHEN I TELL MOTHER AND DAD...



POOR DAD AND MOTHER! YOU WOULDN'T BREAK THEIR HEARTS, WOULD YOU? BESIDES, IF YOU SQUEAL, I'LL REVEAL YOUR IDENTITY TO THE WORLD!

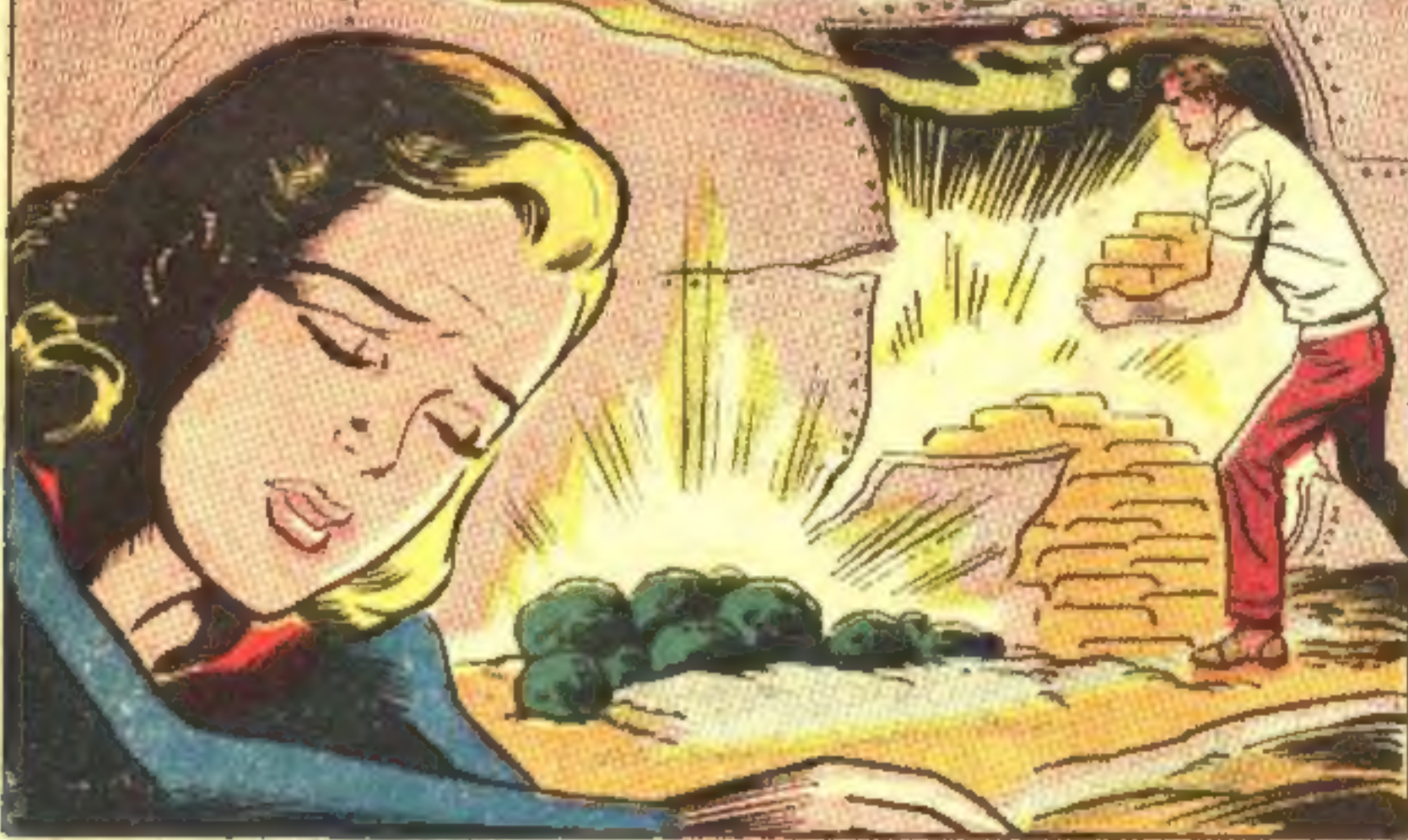
GULP! HE'S RIGHT! I'M IN A REAL JAM! IF HE TALKS I'LL HAVE TO FIND A NEW IDENTITY AND LEAVE MY FOSTER-PARENTS! THEY'D BE HEART-BROKEN!





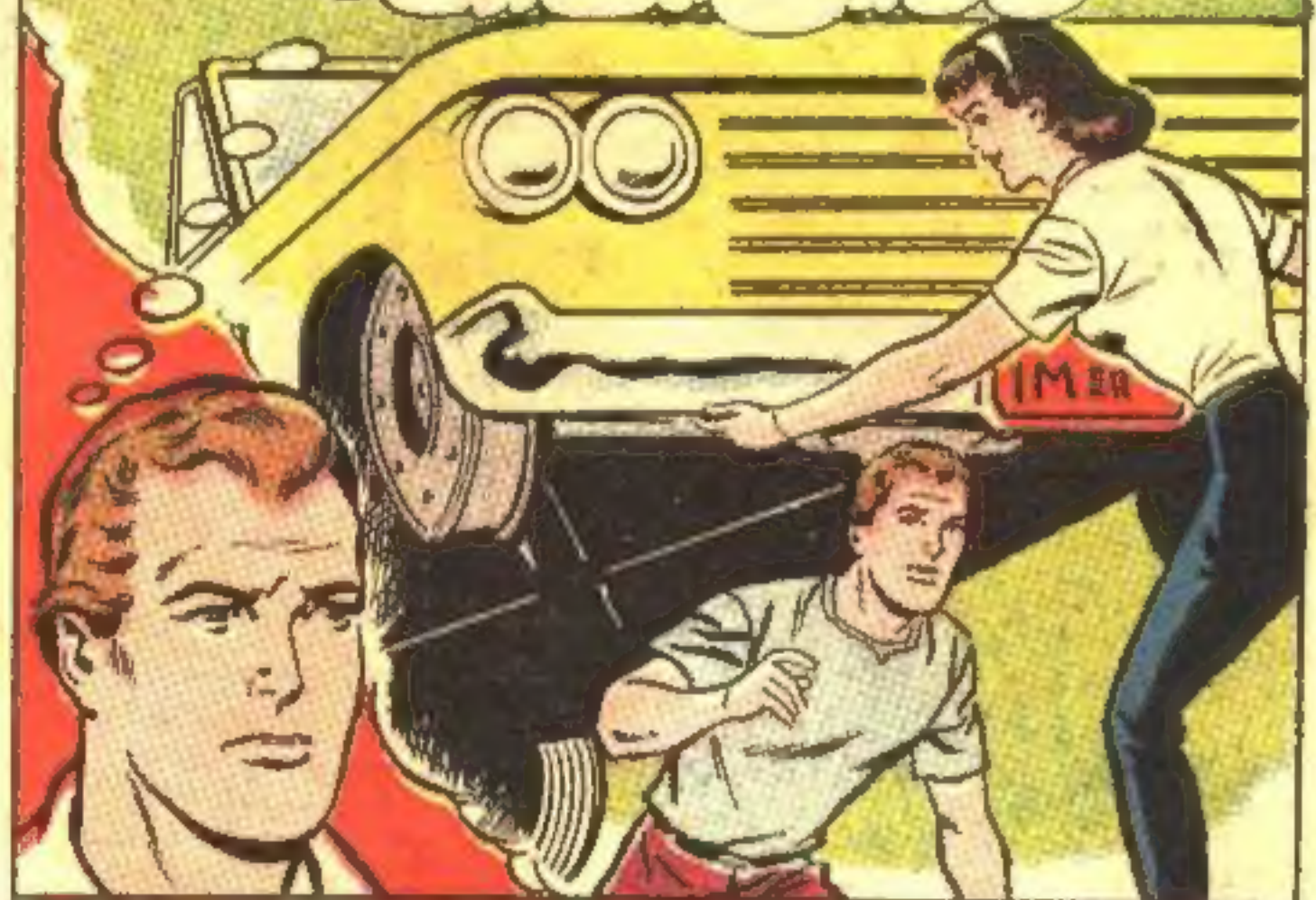
WEAK... CAN'T MOVE...
I'M BLACKING OUT...

SHE'S OUT COLD! **CHUCKLE!**
I'D BE AN IDIOT TO SAVE HER
WHEN I'VE GOT ALL THIS GOLD
BULLION WAITING FOR ME! SHE'D
ONLY MAKE ME GIVE IT BACK TO
THE RIGHTFUL OWNERS!

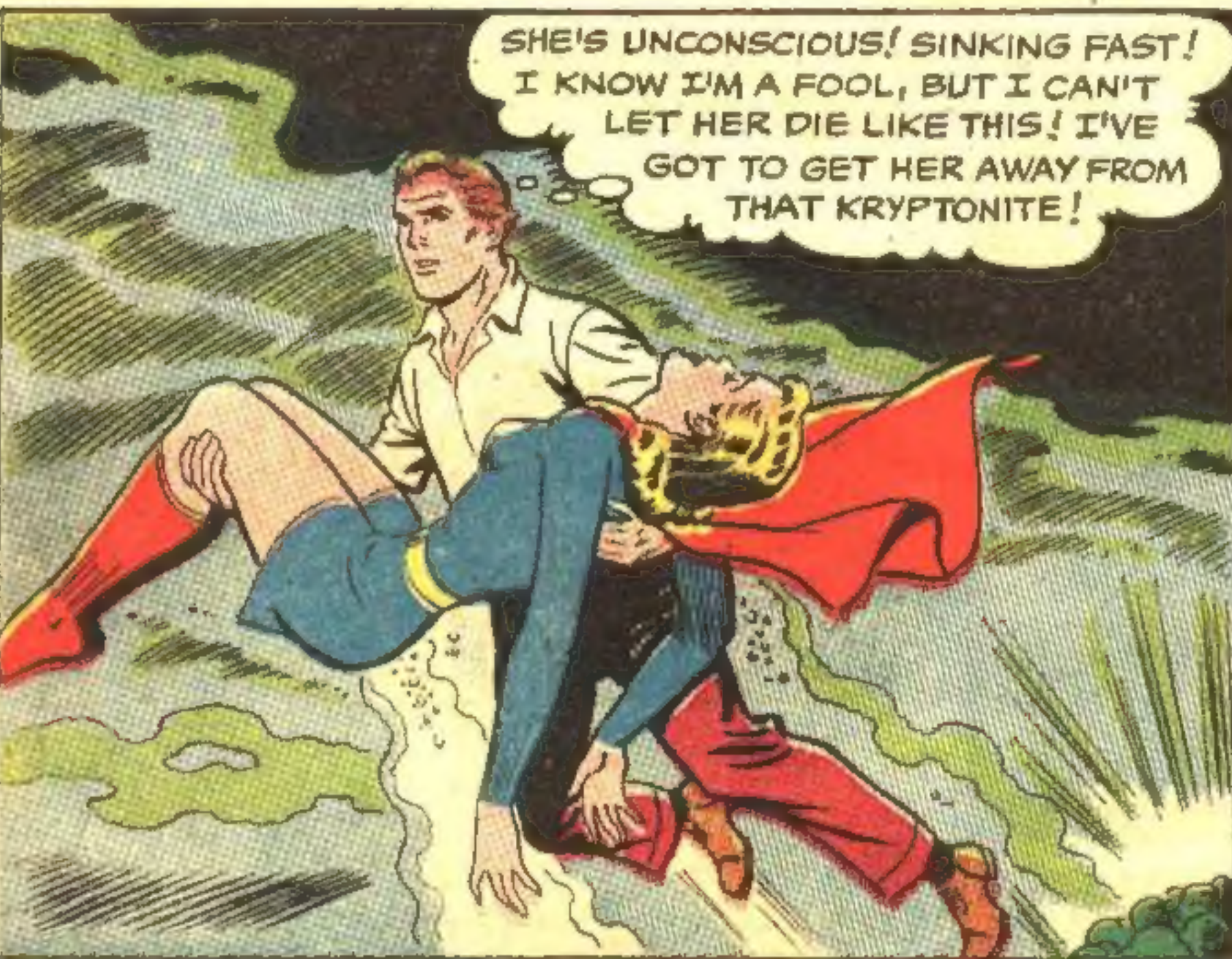


BUT BIFF RIGGER IS TORMENTED BY HIS
CONSCIENCE...

GULP! I CAN'T JUST
IGNORE HER! **CHOKES!** AFTER ALL,
I DO OWE HER MY LIFE! I REMEMBER
HOW SHE CAUGHT THAT CAR THAT WAS
ABOUT TO CRUSH ME!



SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS! SINKING FAST!
I KNOW I'M A FOOL, BUT I CAN'T
LET HER DIE LIKE THIS! I'VE
GOT TO GET HER AWAY FROM
THAT KRYPTONITE!



BUT AT THE SURFACE...

UHHH! THAT PAIN! IT'S
GRIPPING MY CHEST LIKE
A VISE!... I'VE GOT...
THE BENDS!



WITH HIS LAST OUNCE OF STRENGTH BIFF SWIMS ASHORE...

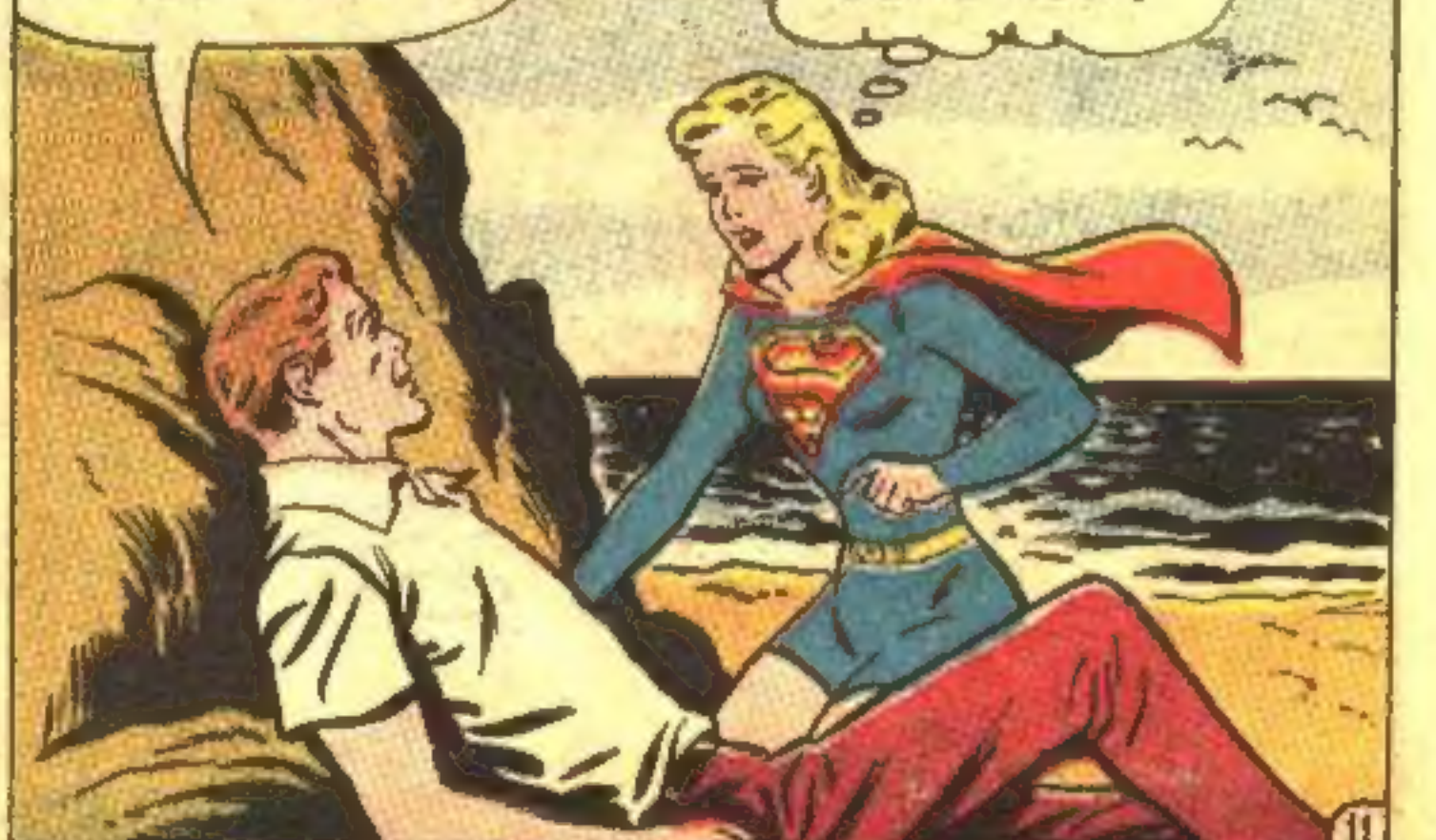
COUGH! COUGH! THAT SUPER-PILL... I MUST HAVE
LEFT OUT AN IMPORTANT CHEMICAL! MY SUPER-POWERS
WORE OFF TOO SOON! **COUGH!** THE SUDDEN CHANGE
IN WATER PRESSURE
DAMAGED MY HEART!



...AS SUPERGIRL COMES TO...

SUPERGIRL! THANK
HEAVENS YOU'RE ALIVE!
COUGH! COUGH!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT
ME! TOO LATE TO
HELP ME! I'M
DYING... I KNOW IT!

GULP! IF I HAD
RECOVERED IN TIME I
COULD HAVE BUILT A
PRESSURE CHAMBER
AND SAVED HIS LIFE!
BUT HE'S TOO FAR
GONE NOW!





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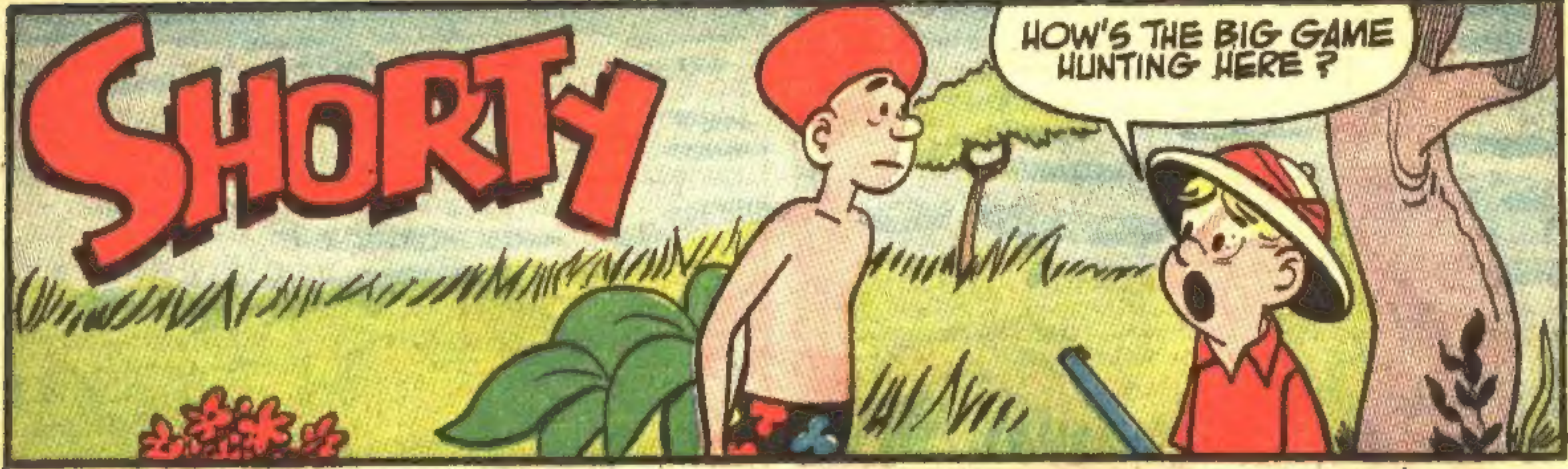
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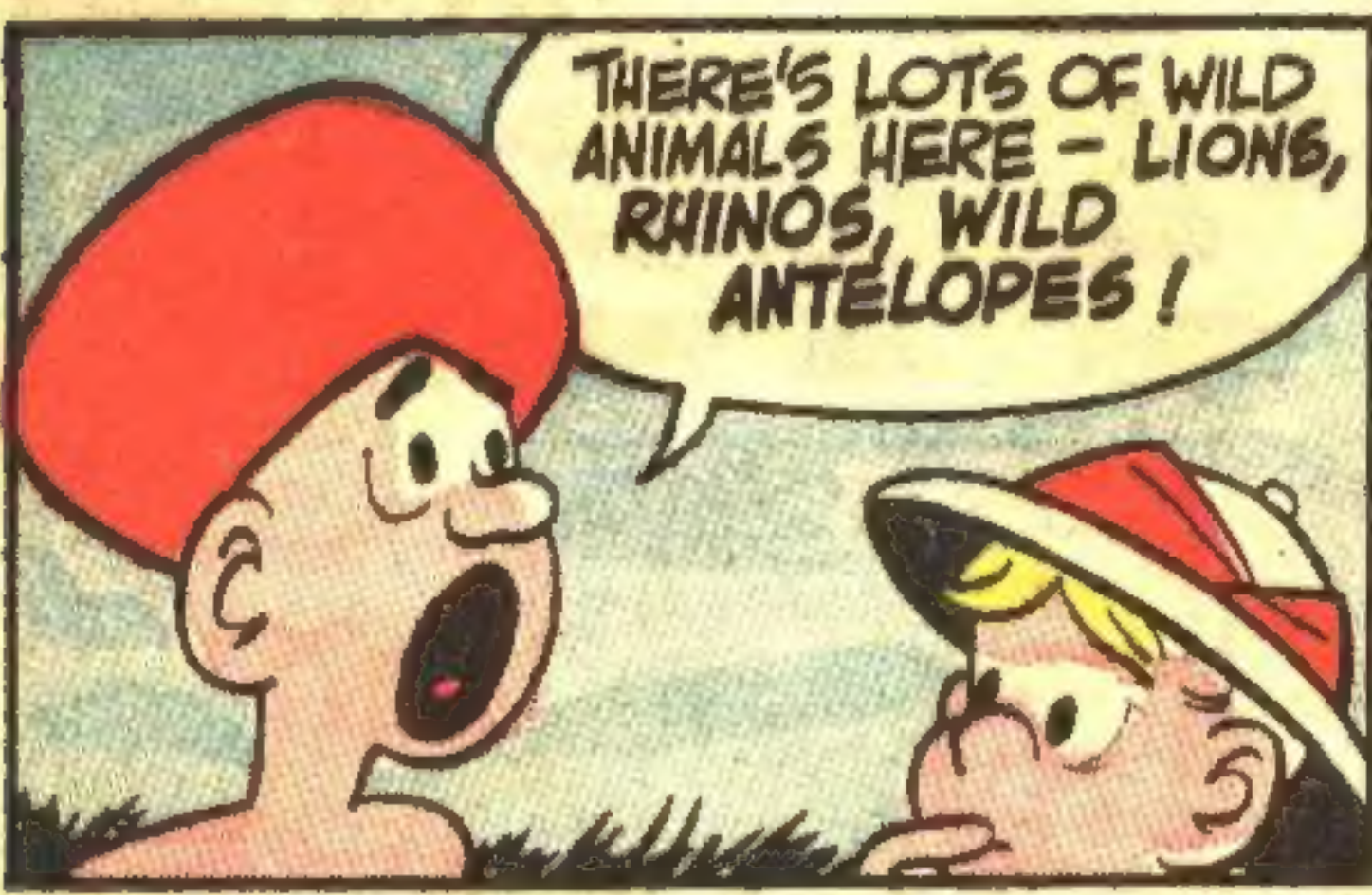
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THERE'S LOTS OF WILD ANIMALS HERE - LIONS, RHINOS, WILD ANTELOPES!



BUT THESE ANIMALS ARE VERY DANGEROUS. WHY RISK YOUR LIFE FOR A SOUVENIR?



COME, WE WILL SEE MY COUSIN!



SEE? ANIMAL HEADS ALREADY MOUNTED FOR THE TOURIST TO SHOW OFF BACK HOME!

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Can you guess the reason why?

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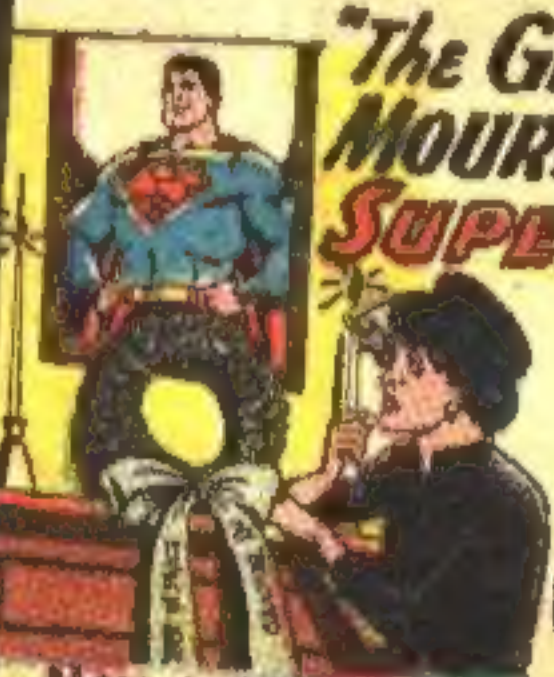


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